

Anthit A Herboewon TOUCH-STONE FOR

Gold and Silver Wares.

Directing how to know Adulterated and unlawful GOLDSMITHS Works, and the greatness of the Cheat therein; and how to punish the Offenders, and recover Recompence to the party wronged.

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A Treatise of great Use for every Buyer of PLATE, and all Buyers and Wearers of Silver-Hilts, and Silver-Buckles, and all other kind of GOLDS MITHS Works.

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To the READER.

Here having not heretosore (that ever I could hear of) been exposed to publick view any Treatise of this kind: This therefore may occasion more than ordinary Curiosity in inspecting the particulars thereof, and perhaps dispose the Reader to the Considerations following.

First, Whether the matter of it touching the

Goldsmiths Craft be true?

Secondly, What should incite me to this attempt?

Thirdly, Whether it be not against the Rules of a

Mystery thus publickly to discover them?

Fourthly, Whether it may not (instead of the good proposed) become a disparagement to the Manusa-Eture, and so a prejudice to the Traders therein?

Fifthly, Whether this may not reflect upon the Wardens of the Company, by supposing that they do not perform their Duty in suppressing these defects?

As to the First, I refer the Reader to the Statutes and other Laws (for Regulating the Gold-smiths Crast) herein cited, and his own observation, from what is here intimated) how the same have been pursued.

To the Second I have been moved hereunto not from particular interest, but from a defire of the Publick good, every honest mans private benefit, and of detecting deceit and falshood. To the Third. What I have here discovered,

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To the Reader.

is not the honest Mystery or Crast in Working and Fashioning the Wares, (which in all Trades is to be conceal'd) but the publick Rules of our Laws, and good intentions of our Law-Makers to prevent Deceit in the exercise of that Mystery which ill disposed Crasts-men in all Ages have

been too prone to contrive and practice.

To the Fourth. It cannot be supposed, that for the Offences of some, all should be condemned; or that if some Wares be deceitful, all should be so made: For I aver, that some there be of this Trade (to their honor be it spoken) that have not, nor will not in this Trade of a Goldsmith vary from the Rules and Principles of Law and Honesty, by working or selling adulterated Gold or Silver Works, though strongly beset with the temptations of gains for a more plentiful livelihood; and it cannot be denied, that a person brought up in a Trade to live honestly thereon (to see his Neighbours draw away his Customers by deceitful Wares under colour of cheapness, or lesser profit for his work, when indeed he makes greater advantages thereby) and not be ensnared to do the like practices, argues more than an ordinary integrity and constancy.

And I am of this favourable opinion that many who have been Transgressors in this kind were meerly so of necessity to preserve their Trades and Customers; and that such their doings hath not been with, but altogether against their good inclinations, and would not a little rejoyce, and that of an honest principle, that a through refor-

mation were made therein.

To the Fifth. It is well known the Wardens of the

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the Goldsmiths London, have readily heard Complaints that were made to them therein, and punisht the Otsenders: And it is hoped the same constancy and zeal to a through Reformation will be in their Successors. But the Workers and Sellers in this Trade being so numerous, and the Transgressors so subtil to conceal their deceipt, and evade the punishment, that the endeavours of the Wardens, as yet hath been, so still will be but a weak remedy, unless a greater Authority be given to them, which I have in the ensuing Treatise humbly proposed, and unless the Buyer or Customer who wears and uses the Commodity be made capable of knowing the lawful Wares from the unlawful, and the true value of the Metal of either, and how to punish the Offenders by more ready and easie ways than heretofore, which is the chief intent of the ensuing Discourse.

And for the encouragement of those that have a lawful right to exercise the Goldsmiths Trade, I have in the ensuing Treatise given a plain description of that Trade, and what are the proper Works thereof.

Ihave also carefully collected the Laws in force for restraining persons from exercising that and all other Manual Trades that have not been brought up seven years as Apprentices thereto; and also the Laws in force for restraining Aliens from exercising the same; to the intent that as on the one hand I would prevent dishonest Actions of the lawful Goldsmiths, so I would be a means to obtain their due Rights and Liberties in suppressing and preventing all intruders into their Trade.

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To the Reader.

Wherefore craving the favourable construction of the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths, London, and all honest Workers and Sellers of Goldsmiths Work, for this my undertaking, I assure them and all my good Countrymen, that I value not the Calumny of such who shall be displeased for discovering their deceitful and unlawful practices: My only aim and intention in this matter being to procure an honest Reformation in the making of Gold and Silver Works, and all other Goldsmiths Works whatsoever: then would they truly be the Ornament and Riches of this Kingdom.

And fince to our Ornaments and Riches the means of safety is requisite, I have in the ensuing Treatise humbly proposed a Supplement to the Laws already made and in force touching the Cutler's Mystery. and for the Manusacturing of Sword-Blades in this Kingdom; a work of late neglected: but if encouraged by the means I have proposed, or some other way, it would be of great advantage, honor, and safety to this Nation, by the making all Weapons of War at home, and preventing our being imposed upon by other Nations, and enriching them with the prost of that Work, and with our Coin that is transported for the same.

And having thus cast in my Myte in so important and just a matter, I have discharged my Duty, and shall remain a devoted Servant to the Publick Good.

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Gold & Silver Wares.

HAT there hath been, and is, a Great Abuse to the People of this Kingdom in the Gold and Silver that is wrought into the several sorts of Wares in use amongst us, is no hard matter to manifest: For if there were inspection made

into the Silver that is wrought into Buckles for Belts, Birdles, Shooes, Garters, and such like: And Hilts for Swords, and the Pieces thereto belonging; And the Silver and Gold that is wrought into Watch-cases, and the Pins and Studs that are put into such Cases: and the Gold that is wrought into Kings of all lorts, and Lockets, and other Jevels: and the Silver that is wrought into Money-Bores, Tobacco-Bores, and

Buttons, and Tags foz Garments, Bookins and Thimbles, Cozal-Sockets, D2 Barnishes, (besides the Brass-Wier put in such Sockets to fasten the Coral, and the Brass Clappers in the Bells) Tlasps, Chains, Drams Cups, Chirurgeons Instruments; And all other sozts of small Work, both of Gold and Silver, and the great Plate that is made remote from London; and the value thereof truly Examined, a great part thereof would be found to want very much of the value it ought to be of, in respect both of the Standard, and the Price it was fold at, whereby the wearing buyer is abused and defrauded, and the Laws infringed for the private benefit only of deceitful and ill-minded men. To direct therefore in the discovery of False Wares, and to prevent the evils arising thence, I have framed this Discourse, which chiefly consists of three Parts; As,

First, Of what Gold and Silver is produced, and what it is in its own Nature, and the Sort or Standard, that is or ought to be in use amongst us.

Secondly, A recital of the Statutes and other Laws in force for preventing the working and felling Gold and Silver Work, that is worse than that Standard, and the Laws comprising the principal matters relating to the Goldsmiths and Cutlers Trade, and material matters of all other Manual Trades.

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Thirdly, Some Notes giving light to those Laws and Statutes, and directing how to prevent de ceipt in Gold or Silver Work, and the way of Redress for such, and other the offences against those Laws.

The original production of Gold and Silver is thus, viz. The four Elements generate a Seed by the will of God; and operation of Nature, and by their motion (every one according to its quality) casts forth a Semen into the center of the earth, where it is digested, and by motion is sent abroad.

Now the center of the carth is a certain empty place, where nothing can rest, and the sourelements send forth their qualities into the circumference of the center: And the magnetick property of any place of the earth attracts something convenient to it self for the bringing forth

of something. As for example,

Set upon an even Table a vessel of Water, which place in the middle thereof, and round about it lay divers things, and divers colours; also Salt, &c. every thing by it self; then pour the Water into the middle, and you shall see the water run every way; and when any stream toucheth the Red Colour, it will be made red by it; if Salt, it will contract the taste of Salt from it, and so of therest: Now the water doth not change the places, but the diversity of places changeth the Water.

In like manner the Seed being cast forth by the four Elements from the center of the Earth, unto the superficies thereof, passeth through various

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places; and according to the nature of the place, is any thing produced; if it come to a pure place

of earth, a pure thing is made.

The seed of all things is but one, and yet it generates divers things, as it appears by the former example: The Sperm whilst it is in the center is indifferent to all forms; but when it is come to any determinate place, it changeth no more its form.

The Seed whilst it is in the center, can as easily produce a Tree as a Metal, and an Herb as a Stone; and one more precious than another, according to the purity of the place. Now this Seed is produced of the Elements thus.

These four Elements are never quiet, but by reason of their contrariety, mutually act one upon another, and every one of its self, sends forth its own subtilty or Seed, and they agree in the center. Now this center is the servant of Nature, which mixing those Seeds together, sends them abroad, and by distillation sublimes them by the heat of a continual motion into the superficies of the earth; for the Earth is porous, and this vapour is, by distilling through the pores of the Earth, resolved into water; of which all things are produced: Therefore, as I said before, the Seed of Metals is not different from the Seed of all things being, viz. a humid Vapour.

The specification of this Vapour into distinct Metals is thus: This vapour passeth in its distillation through the Earth, through places either Cold or Hot; if through Hot and pure, where the satness of Sulphur sticks to the sides thereof, then that Vapour (which Philosophers call the Mer-

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cury of Philosophers) mixeth and joyneth it self unto that fatness, which afterwards it sublimeth with it self, and then it leaving the name of a vapour and unctuosity, and afterwards coming by sublimation into other places, where the Earth is subtil, pure, and humid, fills the pores thereof, and is joyned to it, and so it becomes GOLD; and where it is hot and something impure, it becomes SILVER; but if that fatness come to impure places, which are cold, it is made LEAD; and if that place be pure and mixed with Sulphur, it becomes COPPER: for by how much the more pure and warm the place is, so much the more excellent doth it make the Metals.

This Heat is from within the Earth, and not the heat of the Sun, as some imagine; because in the hottest Countries there is all, or almost all Gold generated; who if they consider that in cold Countries are Gold Mines; as in Scotland were in King fames his time, would be of another mind, than to think that the Cœlestial Sun could penetrate so as to heat the Earth so deep as most Gold lies: but yet I deny not, that the secret influence of the Sun is very powerful in the generating of Gold: and so the other Planets of other Metals, be they never so deep in the Earth.

Now the first matter of Metals, is a humid, viscous, incombustible, and subtil substance, incorporated with an earthy subtilty; being equally and

strongly mixed in the caverns of the Earth.

In all Metals (except Gold) there is a two-fold unctuosity; the one which is external, sulphurous and inflamable, which is joyned to it by accident, and doth not belong to the total union, with the

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terestrial parts of the thing; the other is internal, and very subtil, incombustible; being of the substantial composition of Argent-Vive; and therefore cannot be destroyed by fire, unless with the destruction of the whole substance.

Whence it appears what the cause is, that Metals are more or less durable in the fire; for those that abound with that internal unctuosity, are less consumed; as it appears in Silver, and especially in Gold.

Hence it is that the Philosophers could never by any means find out any thing that could endure the fire, but that unctuous humidity only,

which is perfect and incombustible.

Imperfect bodies have superfluous humidities, and sulphurity, generating a combustible black. ness in them, and corrupting them: they have also an impure, feculent, and combustible terrestriety: so gross that it hinders ingression, and fusion.

But a perfect Metal (as Gold) hath neither this sulphurous or terrestrial impurity; I mean, when 'tis fully maturated and melted: for whilst it is in concoction, it hath both joyned to it, as you may see in Golden Ore: but then they do not adhere to it so, but that it may be purified from them, which other Metals cannot, but are both destroyed together, if you attempt to separate the one from the other.

Besides, Gold hath so little of these corruptible principals mixed with it, that the inward Sulphur or metalline-spirit doth sometimes, in some places overcome them of it self; as is to be seen in the Gold, which is found very pure sometimes

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Sands, and is many times as pure as any Refined Gold. Now this Gold which is found in the Sands and Rivers, is not generated there but is washed down from the Mountains with streams of Water that run from thence.

Gold therefore is most noble and solid of all Metals, and (in the highest degree of fineness) of a deep yellow colour; compacted of principals digested to the uttermost height, and therefore fixed.

Silver is (in the highest degree of fineness) pure white, and in the next degree of dignity to Gold, and differs from it in digestion chiefly: I said chiefly, because there is some small impurities adhering to it. Nevertheless,

Silver is a Mineral of that excellent Nature,

that when it is in the highest degree of sineness, it will endure melting a long time in extreme heat, with but very little waste; which quality is not in any other Metal, save Gold, which (in the finest degree) is more fix'd, and will endure the fire with less waste: Wherefore Gold and Silver, for these excellencies, and

For a further account of the generation and vegetability, &c. of Gold and Silver, fee Webster's History of Metals; collected out of the most approved Authors that have written on that subject Printed for W Kettilby at the Bishops Head in S. Pauls Churchyard, London.

their scarceness, and capableness of being wrought into so many sorts of Useful and Ornamental things above other Metals, is one reason that it bears so great a value, and answers all things.

Our Fore-fathers considering that Silver in its finest degree would be too soft for use and service

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(for the finest Silver is almost as soft as Lead) did consult to reduce or harden the Silver (by allaying it with baser Metal) to such a degree, that it might be both serviceable in the works, and also in the wearing keep its native whiteness: For as the Silver having too little Allay, would be too soft; so too much Allay would make it brittle, and wear like Brass? And therefore upon Experiment and due Consideration, did agree, that there should be Eighten penny weight of fine Copper mixed in eleven Ounces and two penny weight Troy of the finest Silver; both which makes twelve Ounces or the pound Troy; and so according to that proportion for more or less; (where it is to be observed, That either Tin, Pewter, or Lead being put into Gold or Silver for the Allaying thereof, or being mixt therewith, renders it extreme brittle, and altogether unfit for work) which degree of Allay is concluded upon by the Law-makers of this Kingdom, to be the Standard for all Silver Money, and all Silver Works, and is commonly called the Sterling Allay (from the Easterlings, or men that came from the Eastpart of Germany in the time of King Richard the First, and were the first Contrivers and makers of that Allay;) And this is that which is meant in the Statute of 18 El z. Cap. 15. by the Expression, (to wit) Not less in sineness than that of eleven Ounces two penny weight. And for this purpose, that, and divers other Statutes have been made, which I have here recited verbatim, as followeth.

The Statute 28 Edw. 1. Cap. 20. commonly called, Articuli super Cartas.

It is Ozdained, That no Goldsmith of England, noz none other-where within the Kings Dominions, shall from henceforth make or cause to be made any manner of Bessel, Jewel, or any other thing of Gold or Silver, except it be of god and true Allay, (that is to san) Gold of a certain touch, and Silver of the Sterling Allap, or of better at the pleasure of him to whom the Work belongeth: and that none work worse Silver than Money: And that no manner of Descl of Silver depart out of the hands of the Workers. until it be Assayed by the Wardens of the Craft: And further, that it be marked with the Leopards-Head; And that thep work no worke Gold than of the touch of Paris: And that the Wardens of the Craft shall go from Shop to Shop among the Goldsmiths, to Asap, if their Gold be of the same Touch that is spoken of befoze: And if they find any other than of the Touch afozesaid, the Gold shall be foz= feit to the King: And

feit to the King: [And that none hall set any stone in

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tural: And that Gravers, of Cutters

These words of this Statute [None shall make

Rings, Crosses, nor Locks,

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of Stones, and of Seals, thall give to each their weight of Silver and Gold as near as they can upon their Fidelity: And the Jewels of base Gold which they have in their hands, they chall utter as fast as they can: And from thenceforth if they buy any of the same work, they chall bup it to Work upon, and not to sell again: And that all the good Towns of England, where any Goldsmith be dwelling, shall be ordered according to this Statute, as thep of London be: And that one chall come from every god Town for all the residue that be dwelling in the same, unto London, for to be ascertained of their Touch. And it any Goldsmith be attainted hereafter, because that he hath done otherwise than besoze is Opdained, he shall be punished by imprisonment, and by ransome at the Kings pleasure. And notwithstanding all these things befoze-mentioned, oz any point of them, both the King, and his Council, and all they that were present at the making of this Ordinance, will and intend that the Kight and Prerogative of his Crown hall be saved to him in all things.

Stat. 37 Edw. 3. Cap. 7.

Item, At is accorded. That Goldsmiths as well in London as essewhere within the Realm, thall make all manner of Desicls and other Work of Silver, well and lawfully of the Allay of god Sterling: And cvery

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every Master Boldsmith shall have a Mark by himself, and the same Mark shall be known by them which shall be assigned by the King to Survey their Work and Allay: And that the said Goldsmiths set not their Marks upon their Works till the said Surveyors have made their Asp, as shall be ordained by the King and his Councel; and after the Usap made, the Surveyor shall set the Kings Mark, and after the Goldsmith his Mark, for which he will answer: And that no Goldsmith take sor Wesel white and full sor the weight of a pound, (that is to say) of the price of two Marks of Paris weight, but eighteen pence

as they do at Paris? [And that no Goldsmith making White Vessel shall meddle with gilding, noz they that do Gild shall meddle to

This Clause [That no Goldsmith shall make White Vessel, and also Gild] Repeal. 21 fac. 18.

make Phite Dessel: And they which shall be so assigned in every Town shall make their Searches as oftentimes as shall be Ozdained: And for that which shall be in the Goldsmiths default, they shall incur the pain of forseiture to the King, the value of the Azetal which shall be found in default.

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Stat. 2 Hen. 6. 14.

The fineness of Harness of Silver, and that it shall be marked with the Leopards-Head.

Item, That no Goldsmith, noz Wozker of Silver within the City of London, sell any Workmanship of Silver, unless it be as fine as the Sterling, except the same need Sodder in the making, which thall be allowed accoeding as the Soddec is necessary to be wrought in the same: And that no Gold= smith nor Teweller, nor any other that worketh Parnels of Silver, shall set any of the same to sale within the City, before that it be Touched with the Touch, and als so with the Mark or Sign of the Wockman of thesame, upon pain of Forfeiture of the double value as afore is said: And that the Mark and Sign of every Goldsmith be known to the Wardens of the Craft. And if it may be found that the said Næper of the Touch, Touch any such Harnels with the Leopard's-Head, except it be as fine in Allap as the Sterling, that then the Kiep: er of the Touch for every thing so proved, not as god in Allap as the said Sterling, shall forfeit the double value to the King, and to the party, as is above recited. And also it is likewise Ordained in the City of York, New-Castle upon Tine, Lincoln, Norwich, Bristow, Salisbury and Coventry, That evern one thall have divers Touches according to the

the Ordinance of the Mayors, Bailiffs, or Governozs of the same Towns: And that no Goldsmiths, nozother Workers of Silver, noz Recpers of the said Touches with: in the same Towns, thall set to Sale, o2 Touch any Silver in other manner than is ozdained befoze, within the City of London, upon pain of the said Poefcitures. And mozeover, That no Goldsmith ozother Wozker of Silver within the Realm of England, where no Touch is ordained as afoze is said, thall Work ann Silver, ercept it be as fine in Allap as the Sterling: And that the Goldsmith oz Wosker of the same Silver set upon the same, his Mark, or Sign, before he set it to Sale: And if it be found that it is not as fine as the Sterling, that then the Worker of the same shall fozseit the double value, in manner and form, as before is recited, within the City of London. And the Justices of Peace, Apapozs, and Bailiffs, and all other has ving power as Justices of the Peace, shall here enquire and determine, by Bill, Plaint, or in other manner, all that do contrary to the said Ordinances, and there= of to make due execution by their discres tions. Provided always, That if the Mas ster of the Adint that now is, or which for the time hall be, offend, or have offended in his Office of the said Mint, that then he be punished, and Justified according to the form of the said Indentures.

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Stat. 18 Eliz. 15.

Whereas certain evil disposed Gold-smiths deceitfully do make and self Plate, and other Gold and Silver Warcs, to the great defrauding of her Majesty, and her and Subjects: For remedy whereof, Be it Enaced by the Authority of this present Parliament, That no Goldsmith from the Twentieth day of April next coming. mall 1902k, Sell, Erchange, oz cause to be Mozought, Sold, or Erchanged, ann Plate ozother Goldsmiths Warcs of Gold, less in finenels than that of twenty two Carracts; and that he use no Sodder, Ammel, or other stuffings whatsoever in any of their Works, more than is necessary for the finishing of the same; Ind that they take not above the rate of Twelve pence for the ounce of Gold (besides the fashion) more than the Buper man or shall be allowed for the same at the Quáns Erchange or Mint, upon pain to forfeit the value of the thing to Sold or Erchanged: And that from the said Twentieth day of April; no Goldsmith thall Make, Sell, oz Erchange in any place within this Realm, any Place, or Goldlmiths Wares of Silver, less in finenels than that of Eleven Ounces two penny weight, noz take above the rate of Twelve pence for every pound weight of Plate, or Wares of Silver (besides the fashion) more than the Buyer shall or may be allowed for the same at the Queens Exchange or Mint; 1202 put to Sale, Exchange or Sell any Plate

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or Goldsmiths Work of Silver, before he hath set his own Mark to so much thereof, as conveniently man bear the same, upon pain to forfeit the value of the thing so Sold or Grehanged: And if any Goldsmith thall make any Goldsmiths Work or Plate, and the same after the said Twentieth van of April, Mall be Touched, Marked, and Allowed for good by the Wardens, or Masters of that Appserp: And if in the same there shall be found any falshood or deceit, then the Wardens, and Copposation of that Appstery for the time being, shall forfeit. and pap the value of the thing so Erchanged, or Sold: The one Moietpof all which Forfeitures thall be to the use of the Quans Majesty, and the other Moiety to the use of such party grieved, and sustaining loss thereby, as will suc for the same in any Court of Accord, by Action, Will, Plaint, Information, or otherwise; wherein no Esopn, Protection, or Wager of Law thall be admitted for the Ockendant.

Stat. 3 Edw. 4. 4. the branch thereof to this purpose is verbatim thus, (viz.)

Also our Loed the King hath oedained and established, by the assent and Authority asociald, that the Masters and Wardens for the time being of every Crast and Mystery in every City, Burrough, Colun, and Village, where any such Crast or Mystery is used, or occupied, thall have sufficient

sufficient Power and Authority in every such City, Town, Burrough, and Village, where they so: the time being shall be Wardens, oz Masters of any such Craft oz Mpsterp: And the Mapoz of such City, Burrough, Town, oz Willage foz the time being, if any Mayorbe, or the Bailiss, or Bailiss of any such City, Burrough, Town, or Millage for the time being, if any Bailiffs oz Bailiff there be: And no Mayor, de Serjeant, orany other Officer to them assigned by the said Mayoz, Baisliffs, or Bailiff, in every such City, Burstough, Cown, and Village where any such Craft or Mpskerp is used or occupied, where no such Masters of Wardens of any such Crast of Mysterp be: That the Masters or Wardens of the Crafts and Musteries of the City, Town, Burrough, 02 Dillage next adjouning to the same; and the Constable of fuch City, Burrough, Town, or Village, Kall have power and Authority to search in their own Crasts and Mysteries, and in all other Crasts and Mysteries uttering by way of Sale any of the afoze: said Wares, as well within Citics, Burroughs, Towns, and Villages of the same Realm of England, and of the County of Wales, as within the Liberties and Franchise of the same Cities, Burroughs, Cowns, and Dillages, at all times reasonable by the day, at Fairs, and Wars kets, Hopsopen, and Ware-houses, all such manner of Wares, Chaffers, and Merchan=

chandifes pertaining to every of their p20= per Crafts and Mysteries, which shall be made by any Alien, Artiseer Man oz Wo= man, or any other person or persons within the same Realm of England or Wales, or which at any time hall be occupied by any of the said Crafts or Appsteries, in whose hand

soever they may be found.

Provided also that the said Masters. Mardens, and others named in the said Ozdinance to be Zearchers, shall not enter into any place exempted by Priviledge. Franchise, or Custom, to make in the same any search, as is aforesaid, but by the overlight of some Officer of every such place so exempt, where any such Search chall happen to be made. [This to be in force so

long as shall please the King.]

And if the said Searchers by the same Search do find that such Chaffers, Wares, or Merchandises, or any part thereof, he not pure, lawful, and able Chaffers, Wares, or Merchandiles, and dulp wrought and made as they ought to be, and that sufficiently proved, that then it shall be lawful to such Searchers to take and seize all such Chassers, Wares, and Merchandises, which shall so be found not good, pure, lawful, or able, nor well wrought, as a thing forfeit.

The one half of the same Forseitures to be,paid to the use of our Lord the King, the other half thereof to such Masters oz Wardens which so thall make search and From

find the same.

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From which Statutes it is to be observed, That Gold or Silver that is less in fineness, or courser than the aforesaid Standard Allay, may not be wrought, shaped, or fashioned into any sort of Works, and be Sold, exposed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered in any place within this Realm.

And for the better observing these Rules (that those so noble and excellent Metals of that Allay may not be counterseited, nor the people deceived in any Works made thereof, but (by being made up to that so excellent Standard) be preserved in their due esteem, and consequently be a steady means of a creditable and competent livelihood for a great number of the people of this Kingdom, the persons exercising the working thereof, called by the name of Goldsmiths inhabiting in and about the City of London, have been of old, and now are Incorporated by the name of Wardens, and Company of the Appstery of Goldsmiths of the City of London, And all that lawfully exercise that Mystery in the said City, and Liberties thereof, and three miles compass of the same, being Free-men of that City, ought to be of that Company; though many there be of that Mystery, who through mistake or design are Free of other Companies, which yet hinders not but that they are to all intents and purposes in respect of punishment for their false Works, as much under the power of the said Company, as their own proper Members are.

Yet experience doth clearly manifest, that as well the persons of this Trade, as of all others being thus divided and intermingled into each others Company, is very injurious to the design

of making Corporations, which was principally for the correcting and preventing the making and selling any false, fraudulent, or insufficient Works or

Wares of each Trade.

And although the Wardens of the Goldsmiths have authority to search amongst all persons Making, Selling, or exposing to Sale, any Goldsmiths Works in London, and three miles compass of the same, and to punish them for their fraud in those Works, be the persons of what Corporation they will: What doth this avail, when the greatest part of the Members of the Goldsmiths Company be of other Trades, and by course will come to be in the Office of Wardens; and they having little or no skill in that Mystery, it is improbable

they should perform that Office effectually.

And notwithstanding this Corporation hath many By-Laws, and are authorized (as other Corporations are) from time to time, as occasion shall be, to make other good and wholesome By-Laws and Ordinances, which are of excellent use for the more easie, and well governing the Members thereof, and preventing the abuses in their Works; yet this help avails little or nothing, fince those that are not the immediate Members, are not bound to obey those By-Laws and Ordinances; and it would be unreasonable and injurious to exact obedience to those Laws from a few Goldsmiths that are Free of that Company, when so great a number of that Trade will be left at liberty.

This is of great concern, and worthy the consideration of those in Authority, to whom I humbly propose, whether a new Law may be made for remedy hereof, to this effect, (viz.)

That

That all and every person and persons whatsoever now using or exercising, or that shall hereafter use or exercise the Erade or Pottery of the Goldsmithe, within the City of London and the Liberties thereof, and three miles compais of the fame City, has ving been bound Apprentice before the Matter or Marden of any Corporation, fel'owifip, or Scriety in the City of London: And all others of the laid Trade, that are or thall become freemen of the lato City, and having ferved Apprentiship thereto the space of seven years at the leaft, thall within one month after his of beir uling of exerciling the faid Trade of Pyffery, be admitted, and be enjoyned to take the Freedom of the City of London, if not already taken) and to enter themselves into the Society of Corporation of the Goldlauths of the faid City, and be subsect to all their lawful By Laws and Didinances: And hall have the fentozity in this, as in the Corporation they now are of. And in all cases where they have paid any fine or fim of Doner, by reason of any Office in the Company they now are of; Mall be discharged in the like cases in this Corporation. Andevery such person to be after such entrance dicharged from all Duti to their former Company; but with this Provile, That where any person do ex shall tawfully use, exercise, or follow the Goldsmiths Erade toyntiv with any other Manual Trade of Trades, that then such person not to be conpell'd to enter himself into the Go Elmiths Corporation, unless be do exercise the Go'd'miths Trade more publickly, or chiefly above the other Trade of Trades: but nevertheless to be subfect to ell the Statutes, Laws, and Didinances made, or to be mare in respect of Search, Inspection, Tryal, and regulas tion of the Goldsmiths 2010. ks, upen pain that every person to forfeit and pay five pound for every Month that he do use or exercise the said Erade of the Goldsmiths, conceary to the true meaning hereof. See an Example in the Case of the Silk-Throwers, in Stat. 14 Car 2. 15.

To which I know it will be objected, that the bringing persons of this Trade by f rce from other Companies into this, will not on'y rend and spoil those Companies from which they are taken, but also be a means of hindering some, in that speedy progreis towards the places of Honour they now expect in their present Corporations: The answer is,

That if some Members of some Companies are taken away, it will be prudence in those Companies to pursue the obtaining the like power to

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bring all persons of their Trades into the Corpo-

ration of each respective Trade.

And this will be the right center of the intent of making Corporations of Trades, which ought to be with the greatest care preserved, and preferred before those other niceties of Seniority in honourable places in the same, wherein persons of a contrary Trade do seldom, neither indeed can they discharge their duty; neither is it possible, unless this course be taken, to make a persect reformation, or regulation in this or any other Trade.

It may be further objected, that the thus tranflating persons from one Company to another, will unavoidably cause a breach of the Oath they took at their making Free of their first Company; and an Oath lawfully taken is not to be violated by any means whatsoever: The answer is by

way of Quæry.

What if the King shall please for some defects in any Corporation (as enough may be) to dissolve the same, if the Oath be to bind and make no Apprentice Free but of such a Corporation that is afterwards dissolved; must be therefore by such Oath be barr'd from taking Apprentices, and so deprived of that so eminent way of advantage: Or if the Oath be to observe and keep the By-Laws and Ordinances of a Company that is afterwards dissolved, with which all those Laws and Ordinances are dissolved also, must be bound to perform impossibilities? no, 'tis plain, such Oaths extend no farther than the duration of the Corporation that Administred them.

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For if the King with his Parliament shall please to make an Act, that all Manual Tradesmen shall be reduced into the proper Corporations of each respective Trade in manner aforesaid, such Law is a perfect dissolution of so much of every Corporation as respects the persons so taken away; and by consequence a dissolution of such persons Oaths to them.

And as on the one hand the Corporations would feemingly be prejudiced by taking their Members from them; so on the other hand those Corporations would in effect receive more good, and be more useful, and more honorable than ever, by bringing those that are their proper Members into the same; for then the deceits in the Works and Wares would be more easily prevented, and the people better ferved, and all English Tradesmen be advanced in reputation and honor, both at home and abroad.

The Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths are by the two first, and the last recited Statutes, and their Charter, entrusted, and authorised to fearch in all and every place throughout this Realm of England, amongst all Goldsmiths, and all others trading in Gold and Silver Works; and to Survey, Inspect, and try their Gold and Silver Works; and to seize, break, and deface, all they do find of a worse Allay than is appointed by the afore-recited Statutes; and to fine the Offenders equal to their offences, in all the circumstances thereof. Which large and copious authority is known to have been put in practice: And for the Readers further knowledge of all the Power and Authority to them given, I refer him to the Inroll-

Inrollment of the Patent now remaining of Record in the Chappel of the Rolls; a true Copy of which faithfully rendred into English is hereunto annexed.

And by the said Statute of 37 Edw. 3.7. If the King do Assign and Appoint other Surveyozs than the Wardens of the Gold-smiths (either soz the whole Kingdom, oz particular places) as occasion shall be, such other Surveyozs are Authozised by that Statute to Search soz, Hunish, and Suppress the Defeas in all Gold and Silver Works.

And for the more easie discovering the Workers and Sellers of unlawful Gold or Silver Work, the Statutes aforesaid do appoint, That every Master-Worker in Goldsmiths Work within this Realm, shall have his proper Mark, and the same Marks shall set on their Works, before it be set to

sale.

And that all such Workers Marks (in the City of London, and three Miles compass of the same) to be known to those assigned by the King to Survey their Work and Allay, that is, the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, and all other Workers Marks in the several places where Touches be ordained, to be known to those appointed there to Survey their Work and Allay, upon the same penalty as is appointed for working or selling course Silver-work, (that is) to forfeit the value of the Silver work not marked with the Worker's Mark, or marked with a Mark not so made known, although the Silver be of the sineness of Sterling.

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And by reason that under the general term (of any Goldsmith's Wares of Gold or Silver) mention'd in the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15. is comprehended all Wier-work (as Cheins, and Lace, &c.) of Gold and Silver, which cannot be marked with the Workers Marks (to answer the intent of the Law) therefore our Law-Makers have put in this Proviso in the said Satute 18 Eliz. 15. viz.) to set the Workers Mark to so much of his Work as will conveniently bear the same; but for all other Goldsmiths Work, it will bear the Workers Mark with as much conveniency as with reason can be desired.

Note, The making all Wier-work either of Gold or Silver is the Goldsmiths Trade, by reafon the making thereof is by Melting and Forging, and of the Wardens Authority to correct the Abuses therein.

And for all Silver Work that is of the most Eminent Account (of which are all forts comprehen-

* Those being so accounted, is clearly manifet by the two Cups, (which are Vessels;) and the four Buckles, (which are Harness;) with two Leopards-Heads: being the Company of Gold fmiths Arms.

ded under the names of * Aestels and Parnels, that are made in and about the City of London, and within three miles of the same) these are not to be left unto, or received upon the Credit and Reputation of the Maker thereof, by having only his Mark there-

to, but upon the Credit and Reputation of the Company, by their setting their Marks to the same, who are surely the most likely to continue, and most able to give satisfaction in case of

defect, as is appointed by the said Statutes, when the Worker and Seller may be dead, or by several ways disabled to make recompence to the parties

wronged.

The Company of Goldsmiths considering that their Wardens are by their Charter, and the Statutes aforesaid appointed to Survey, Assay, and Mark the Silver-work, and that these Officers are yearly chosen according to their Usage out of their Members of the Assistants, in course, as they received their Admittance into those places; and that such Choice sometimes falls upon them that are either of other Trades, or not skill'd in that curious Art of making Aslays of Gold and Silver, and consequently unable to make a true Report of the goodness thereof; or else the necessary Attendance therein being too great a burden for the Wardens: therefore they have appointed an Assay-Master, called by them their Deputy-Warden, allowing him a confiderable yearly Sallary, and who takes an Oath to this effect, (viz.) to perform that Office faithfully, according to the best of his skill, that is, to make true Affay of all Gold and Silver brought to their Office for that purpose, and elsewhere, as the Wardens and Company shall appoint, and give a true Report of the goodness or badness, or (as their term is) betterness, or worseness of the same.

They have also caused to be made (according to the aforesaid Statutes and their Charter) Punchians of Steel, and marks at the end of them, both great and small of these several sorts sollowing, (that is) The Leoparus Dead Crownell, The Lyon, and a Letter, (a true Emblem

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blem of which Marks are expressed in the Copper Cut following) which Letter is changed Alphabetically every Year; the reason of changing thereof is, (as I conceive) for that by the afore recited Statutes it is provided, That if any Silver Work that is worse than Sterling be marked with the Companies Marks, the Wardens and Corporation for the time being, shall make recompence to the party grieved, so that if any such default should happen, they can tell by the Letter on the Work in what Year it was Assayed and Marked, and thereby know which of their own Officers deceived them, and from them obtain over, a recompence. These Marks are every Year made New for the use of the New Wardens, who are chosen, and enter into that Office about Midsummer in every year: And although the Assaying is referred to the Assay-Master, yet the Touch-Wardens looks to the Striking the Marks.

They have also made in a part of their Hall, a place called by them their Assay-Office, wherein is a Sworn Weigher; his duty is to weigh all Silver Work into the Office, and enter the same into a Book for that purpose; and also to Weigh it out again to the Owner (only sour Grains out of every Twelve Ounces that is marked, is according to their ancient Custom to be detained and kept for a re-assaying once in every Year, before the Lords of the Council in the Star-Chamber at Westminster, and (there also) before a Jury of twenty four able Goldsmiths, all the Silver Works they have passed for good the year foregoing.

In this Office is kept for publick view, a Table,

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or Tables, artificially made in Columns (that is to say) one Column of hardened Lead, another of Parchment or Velom, and several of the same sorts: In the Lead Columns are struck or entred the Workers Marks, (which are generally the two sirst Letters of their Christian and Sitnames) and right against them in the Parchment or Velom Columns are writ and entred the Owners Names. This is that which is meant in the before recited Statutes, by the Expression of making the Workers Mark known to the Surveyors, or Wardens of the Craft.

Which said Wardens Duty is to see that the Marks be plain, and of a sit size, and not one like another: And to require the thus Entring the said Marks, and also the setting them clear and visible on all Gold and Silver Work; not only on every Work, but also on every part thereof that is wrought apart, and afterwards Soddered or made fast thereto in finishing the same.

The reason for setting the Workers Mark on every part of the Work, is to take away all colour of excuse from the the Maker of salse work, who might otherwise crastily pretend, that the part marked by him was good Silver or Gold, and (the unmarked part being bad) that the bad was added by some body else since the Plate went out of his hand.

Every Worker aforesaid is not only obliged to enter his Mark on the Table aforesaid, but (according to the Companies By-Law for that purpose, and the intent of these words in Statute 2 Henry 6. 14. to wit, And that the Sign of every

every Goldsmith be known to the Wardens of the Craft) is at the same time to enter in a Book (kept for that purpose in the Asay-Office) the place of his Habitation; and if he remove to any other place, then to enter the same also in the Book aforesaid; so that their Habitations may be always known to the Wardens of the Craft.

The reason is, for that if at any time any Gold or Silver Wares be found to be of worse Allay then they should be, the Worker (by his Mark set thereon) although he may not be known to the party grieved, yet by application to the Wardens, and by their comparing the Mark on the Work, to the Marks on their Table, may thereby be

presently discovered Every Worker dwelling in the City of Londons and also those in other places, whose Marksare not so made known, according to the aforesaid

Statutes; that is to say, Those Workers in the seven Touch-Towns not making their Marks known to the Surveyor there (that is the chief Magistrate) in the place where each Worker inhabits: And every Worker in Goldsmiths Work in London, and all other places throughout England, not making their Marks known as aforesaid to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, such Marks are deemed no Marks; and the making and selling Gold or Silver Work whereon fuch fraudu-

Standard as aforesaid. Our Law-makers did appoint the thus setting the Marks on the Work, for the securest way to prevent fraud in this kind; for if it would not

lent Marks are set, is as punishable as the working

and selling Gold or Silver work that is worse than

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deter from the working and selling course Gold and Silver works, yet would it be a sure way to find out the Offenders, and to have the injured righted: But if the Marks might be omitted, and the work should pass into a third owners hand, for the most part it would be impossible to discern one man's work from anothers; by reason that divers Workers make all sorts of work in

shape so near alike.

If any person do, or shall counterseit, or cause to be counterseited the Companies Marks, or any of them, or the Workers Marks (that are made known to the Surveyors, or Wardens as aforesaid) on any Gold or Silver work, by any ways or means whatsoever, be the Gold or Silver either Standard, or better, or worse. The Counterseiters, and the persons causing the Marks to be counterseited are punishable for every such Offence by Indictment and Fine to the King; and sometimes (as the Offence may be circumstantiated) by the Pillory; after which the Company or Party whose Marks are counterseited, may bring their Action against the Offender, and recover the damage sustained.

The reason is, for that the counterseiting the Marks, is (in this Trade) of the most evil consequence imaginable; for it prevents the discovering the Makers of salse and unlawful Gold and Silver works, and destroys the security, and prevents the knowledge of good and true works; and thereby puts a cheat upon the Kingdom: It also discourageth the honest Goldsmith, by salse and unlawful Works passing under his name, and for his making; and by such means may bring them

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them in danger of the Pillory, and (by several other circumstances) of being undone, and may bring the Corporation in danger of being dissolved, or at least put them to exceeding great charge; and many more evils do attend this wicked action: therefore cannot be too severely

punished.

For the discovery of false Gold and Silver from that which is good, and to know the true value thereof, the manner is this: The Assay-master puts a small quantity of the Silver upon tryal (on a Cople or Test) in the Fire; and when refined to the highest degree of sineness, taking it out again, he with his exact Scales that will turn with the weight of the hundredth part of a Grain, computes (by the waste of that small quantity) how much impurity or adulteration is in each ounce or pound of the Silver from which it was taken, and so reporteth the goodness or badness of the Gold or Silver.

Here it may be expected that I should give the true process (in every circumstance) of making Assays by sire, as the dimensions and manner of the Furnace, and by whom they are made, and how to make the sire in the same; and the sort of Bone-ashes, and its sineness, and of whom procured, and how to temper, and make the same ashes into Coples, and the dimensions and manner of the Coples, and the just quantity of Silver, and also Lead to put on the Cople, and how to place the same in the fire; and of the several observations to be made on the Metal when it is refining on the Cople, and when to take it out of the fire, and of the cleaning it from all filth by knock-

knocking it with a Hammer; and also of the curious Scales, and a case glazed to hang them in; and of what material to make a certain weight for the quantity of Silver to put on the Cople, and certain Weights of the several degrees, and the fine Pincers or Nippers to handle them to gage the Assay, and compute by its waste or diminution, its betterness or worseness in the pound weight, when 'tis so refined: but this being a work of such difficulty to perform exactly, that 'tis impossible to give a clear intelligible demonstration thereof by words only, but must be acquired by ingenuity in practice after fight of the work performed, and is a subject fit for the study and practice, not only for all Goldsmiths, but for all Gentlemen, to the end the general knowledge herein may the better prevent so great and frequent deceits in Gold and Silver works. And for their encouragement, note further, that Gold Assays are mannaged with the materials, and in the same manner: and after it is refined on the cople (as afore is mentioned of the Silver) it must be beat thin, and roul'd up loosely, and put in warm strong Aqua-fortis, which will purifie it from the Silver; and yet the Gold will remain in the thin Plate, although very brittle.

In the Assay Office are kept Anvils, Hammers, Bickerns, Stakes, Vices, and all other convenient Tools to strike the Companies Marks, which ought to be done clear and visible on such Work that is Standard; and what is worse ought to be broken and defaced, whereby thousands of ounces of defective Silver yearly receives execution: whence it may be inferred, That if so many pieces of

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Plate and Silver work (that are brought to receive the Companies Marks) be broken and defaced, which were not suspected by the Owner, then surely the Silver Work never designed to be brought to be Assayed and Marked, much more deserves to be so served.

The said Company hath now appointed only Three days in every Week, (to wit) Tucloups, Thursdays, and Saturdays, (formerly every working day) to Assay and Mark the Silver Work: And all persons workers in Gold and Silver Works in the City of London, and three miles of the same City, are now (as by Law they ought to be) allowed to receive the Companies Marks on their Work; for although some persons are or may be suspected to have no right to follow the Goldsmiths Trade, yet they are to be allowed the Assay and Touch, until they shall be convicted upon the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4. for not having served seven years Apprentiship thereto, or upon the Statutes that forbids Aliens the exercifing any Manual Trade or Mystery within this Realm. And in case of the Workers neglect to bring their Work to be Assayed and Marked, the Wardens are to enforce the same, by going often on their Search; and where they find any Gold or Silver Works finished, and exposed to Sale (amongst any Workers or Traders therein) that are not marked according to Law, they are to seize and try the same. And although the Silver is Sterling, they are to Fine the Offender for such his unlawful neglect, to the value of the same unmarked Work. See Statute 37 Edw. 3.7. before cited.

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In the afore recited Statute of the 28 Edw. 1. Cap. 20. it is Enacted, That no manner of Vessel of Silver depart out of the hands of the Workers, until it be Assayed by the Wardens of the Craft: And further, That it be Marked with the Leopards-Head. And in the afore recited Statute of 2 Henry 6. 14. it is Enacted, That no Boldsmith not Jeweller, noz any other that worketh Harnels of Silver, Mall set any of the same to sale within the City of London, befoze that it be Couched with the Touch, and also with the Mark or Sign of the Workman of the same.

For the understanding of which, it is to be known, That all manner of Silver Work made to hold any liquid or other matter, is to be comprehended under, and called by the general name of Vessels, although in the particulars, they are called by several other names: As the Coin of this Kingdom is called by the general term of Money; but in the particular parts thereof are called by several other names, as Pence, Shillings, &c.

Under the title or term of Harness, (in the said Statute) is included all kind of Furniture for defence of Man and Horses against the Enemy, as Swords, Buckles for Belts, Girdles, and such like; and also all other manner of wearing Instruments for War: which term of Harness, (in the same signification as we take it, by the opinion of the best Expositors) is mentioned, 2 Chron. 9. 24.

fer. 46.4. Exod. 13. 18.

And that Hilts for Swords are comprehended under the term of Harness, as well as Buckles for

for Belts or Girdles, which may be collected by the Statutes 5 Hen. 4.13. 3 Edw. 4.4. 1 Rich. 3. 12. And 5 Eliz. 7. those Buckles are there called Harness, they being a material part of Girdles or Belts, and necessary to compleat the same for Martial actions, whereunto they are properly defigned. And a Girdle or Belt being of no use to that end without a Sword to be worn in the same, and the Hilt being the chief defensive part of that Weapon, the same must consequently be included under the term of Harness.

Which granted, it must be concluded, That all Hilts of Silver, and Buckles of Silver for Girdles or Belts, &c. (being comprehended under the term of Harness) are by the recited Statute of 2 Hen. 6. Cap. 14. to be touched with the Touch, (that is) Assayed and Marked by the Wardens of the

Goldsmiths.

Note, Their so doing was anciently called the Touch; and the Wardens that are to make the Assays, and mark the Silver, are now called the

Touch-Wardens.

By all which 'tis manifest, That all Silver Hilts for Swords, and Silver Buckles for Girdles or Belts, are not only to be of the fineness of Sterling, but also Assayed and Marked by the Wardens of the Goldsmiths before they be exposed to sale, upon pain of forfeiting double the value thereof.

From which I infer, (that the afore recited Statutes positively appointing all Vessels and Harness of Silver to be marked with the Companies Marks) The Wardens would have done well, if (as touching Vessels and Harness) they had omitted these Ambiguous words in their late Precept

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(hereafter inserted) (viz.) if the said Works will conveniently hear the same; when in truth all the said Works can and must bear the same. This, the Wardens have complied with, as by another precept by them set forth (and herein

also inserted) it doth appear.

Therefore I conclude, That if the Wardens of the Goldsmiths shall be remiss in compelling (not only by precept, but also by all other ways, as by Law they are enjoyned) all Workers of Vessels, and all Workers of Hilts for Swords, Buckles, and other Harness of Silver in the City of London, and three miles off the same, to bring the same Works to receive their Marks as aforesaid, it will be great Imprudence in them to lay themselves by such neglects open to the Law, when so small in-

dustry will prevent it.

And I do further aver, that if any Worker (of Hilts for Swords, Buckles for Girdles or Belts, and other Harness of Silver) in London, and three miles compass of the same City, do wilfully refuse or neglect to bring the same works to receive the Companies Marks when such works are not bespoke in extreme haste; such person-worker is disaffected to an honest reformation, and may justly be suspected to practice those deceits, which I hereby endeavour to suppress: And if such his Works were frequently examined, the truth of my assertion would plainly appear, although his Mark be set on the same: And the tollerating the contempt of the Laws in this case, is not only a means to bring a light esteem upon all, but will in short time occasion the adulterating the Goldsmiths Works as bad as ever.

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It is queried by some, whether the selling, exposing to sale, exchanging or bartering Silver Works that is Sterling; and the marks not set thereon (as before is mentioned) be punishable by Law, it being no positive deceit: The answer

is,

That where a Statute commands a thing to be done, if the same be omitted, it is a contempt of that Law, and punishable, especially in this case, where it may be considered, that although it be not a direct deceit, yet to omit the marking of good Gold or Silver work is of ill example, and opens a door to deceit, for the permitting a worker to omit the setting his own Mark, or the obtaining the Companies Marks on his good work, is to encourage him at another time to work course Gold or Silver (which he will assuredly do, the benesit or gains is so bewitching) and since by such omission, if it be of the Companies Marks, they will avoid making recompence to the party grieved; and if it be of the Workers Marks, the Maker and Seller thereof may thereby remain undiscovered, and so avoid making satisfaction for his deceit.

And to encourage the severity in curbing these defects, I assert, that if the Wardens of the Gold-smiths, upon their Search do take such unmarked, and therefore suspected Works to their Hall, and upon trial it be found Standard: and if by the scraping or cutting off Silver for the Assay, or the setting thereon the Companies Marks, the Work be injured or prejudiced, the Wardens are not to make good, nor answer for the same, since those Works were not, before they were finished for sale,

sale, marked according to Law, but rather fine

the Offenders for the neglect as aforesaid.

Note, It is of great concern, that the Stamps be kept clean and bright, to make the Marks appear the more decent on the Work, and to prevent their being counterfeited; to which purpose, the stamp; must be well tempered, neither too hard nor too soft, and well and smooth polished when first made, and on a piece of smooth, thick, dry, tann'd Calves-Leather, nailed on a smooth board, and some putty on that Leather, every time before and after the using the Stamps, rub them very well; and to make them very clean in the deep corners of the Marks, rub them with a very fine brass or iron Brush; and so rubbing the Marks, one while on the Putty-Leather, and another while with the brush, untill they be clean and bright; and if you put a little clean Oyl on a clean Linnen-cloath, and with it smear the stamps at the time of using them, it will make them wear the smoother, and sharper, and hold the longer from breaking.

I give these directions, because I find the Marks (especially the Workers) are many of them so ill kept, and so dull and blindly set on the Works, that they can hardly be distinguished, but seem

like a botch or defect on the same.

In the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. it is enacted, That Sodder shall be allowed for the making up all Silver Wares (to wit) so much as is neces: sarp for working the same. For the Explaining this word (Decessary) see the Statute of 18 Eliz. 15. thereby the same quantity of Sodder is appointed again, and further Enacted, That na

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This is to be understood of all the parts thereof, besides the Sodder; for when all the Work is melted together, (that is) the soddered places with the rest, it will be worse than that Allay, by so much as the Sodder is worse than Standard; therefore the same Statutes though darkly, yet by a necessary implication, limit the quantity of Sodder that shall be allowed for all Wares to a penny-worth in the Ounce, or a sour penny weight in the pound, by this clause, not take above the rate of these pence so every pound meight (that is, one pennyworth in every ounce) of Plate of Wares of Silver besides the sassing may be also we the same at the Queens Erchange of Mint. (That is)

If any Silver Work being melted, (with the Sodder thereof together) and it be more than the value of one pennyworth in the ounce, or four penny weight in the pound *Troy* worse than *Sterling*,

it is not to be allowed.

And therefore if such have only the Makers Mark thereon, the Maker incurs the penalty of paying the value of the whole Work; and if the same be allowed and marked by the Company, they are to make satisfaction to the party grieved.

In the Statutes afore recited, the term Boids smith is frequently used; for the understanding whereof, it is to be known, that the working, shaping, or fashioning of Gold or Sil-

ver, either by a private Workman, or by the Master Shop-keeper, or his delivering out Gold or
Silver to his Servants, or Workmen to be wrought,
Shaped, or fashioned, either partly or wholly into any
sort of Work or Ware, either by Melting, Filing,
or Hammering, or every of them, is, or may (according to ancient usage, and the intent of the
afore recited Statutes) be deemed and taken to

be the Trade of the Goldsmiths.

Every Worker of Gold or Silver Wares as afore-faid, is by the intent of the Law a Goldsmith, which appears by the said Statute 18 Eliz. 15. which principally aimed at the reforming the abuse of making and selling deceitful Gold and Silver Works: for if the makers of that Statute did not intend and conclude all workers of Gold and Silver Wares as aforesaid to be Goldsmiths, and all Workers and Retailers of deceitful Gold and Silver Works, to be thereby punishable; that Statute (which is the last made in that case) would be inessectual, and the abuse it intended to reform, would notwithstanding remain.

Note, That the fitting or joyning any Gold-smiths Works, to the Works of other Trades; as a Cutler fitting or joyning Silver Caps or Verrels to Knife-hafts; or his fitting or joyning Silver Hilts to Sword or Rapier-Blades; or a Girdler fitting or rivetting Silver Buckles to Belts or Girdles, and in all such like cases, although they use the File or Hammer in so doing, it cannot be deemed or taken to be exercising the Goldsmiths trade. And although it be working in Silver, it cannot be truly said to be the Working, Shaping, or saskioning Silver into any sort of Goldsmiths Works.

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And in like manner on the contrary, the fitting or joyning the works either of the Cutlers or Girdlers Trade to the works of the Goldsmiths Trade, is not, nor can be reasonably taken to be exercising either the Cutlers or Girdlers Trade.

Note also, That in all Manual Trades, it is the shaping or fashioning the Works thereof, that must be deemed and taken to be following or exercising

the same.

For the distinguishing the proper Works belonging to the Goldsmiths, and other Manual Trades, I will give you the meaning of the word (Works) and then instance a few Works of some Trades, by which the rest may be known.

To the first, you are to know that the Wares of any Manual Trade in the finish'd form or fashion thereof, or in a form or shape tending thereto, is, and may properly be deemed and taken to be the

Works of such Trade.

To the second, you are to know that all manner of Works made of Gold or Silver (as aforesaid) are the Goldsmiths Works, the Wardens of that Corporation, being (both by Statute Laws and their Charter) made Surveyors and Tryers thereof.

And all manner of Works made of Tin or Pewter, are the Works of the Pewterers Trade, the Master and Wardens (of that Corporation) being, both by Statute Laws and their Charter, made Surveyors and Tryers of the same.

And all manner of Works made of Iron or Steel, or both, and shaped into Knives, Razors, Sizers, Swords, Rapiers, and all manner of Cutsing-Instruments, and the parts thereto belong-

ing, for compleating or finishing the same, are the Works of the Cutlers Trade; and so of all other Trades, as they were exercised in the fifth year of Queen Elizabeth, and not as they are now inter-

mingled.

Which intermingling of several Trades, hath happened by divers persons unlawfully exercising some Trades joyntly with their own proper Trades, and their bringing up Apprentices thereto; although such Masters were therein transgressors of the Law, yet their Apprentices serving seven years thereto, may lawfully sollow the same.

And the Artists of any Manual Trade may shape their Works into what shape or fashion they please, without transgressing the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4.

A Goldsmith may fashion or form his Gold or Silver into Head-pieces, Gorgets, Gantlets, &c. which are in shape like the Works of the Armor-

ers Trade. And

A Goldsmith may form or shape his Gold or Silver into Flagons, Tankards, Candlesticks Porringers, &c. which are in shape like the Works of the Pewterers Trade.

He may shape his Gold or Silver into Fireshovels, Tongs, Andirons, Locks, or Hinges, &c. which are like the Works of the Blacksmiths Trade. And

He may shape his Gold or Silver into Hilts, Pomels, Chapes, &c. which are in shape like the Works of the Cutlers Trade.

And a Cutler may form and shape his Knives, Sizers, Razors, Sword or Rapier-Blades, Hilts, Pom-

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Pommels, Chapes, and the parts belonging to a Sword, into what form or fashion he pleaseth; but he must always make them of the *Metal* proper to their Trade.

And although it be the Goldsmiths Trade to shape their Works in likeness to the works of the Pewterers or Cutlers Trade; yet it must not be with Pewter or Tin, or Iron, or Steel, but with

Gold or Silver.

And although it be the Pewterers Trade to form or shape their Works in likeness to the Works of the Goldsmiths Trade, yet it must be with Pewter or Tin, and not with Gold or Silver.

And although it be the Cutlers Trade to shape their Works or Instruments of Cutting into what shape or fashion they please; yet it must be with iron, or steel, or both; and such other matter for the appurtenances (as wood for the handle, and wood and leather for the scabbards and sheaths, &c.) as were in those cases used in the sisth year of the Queen, and not with Gold or Silver; only they have and do of late buy Gold and Silver Wier of the Goldsmith for adorning their Sword and Rapier handles, and in-laying the Works appertaining thereto.

But when the Gentry and people fancied the wearing Hilts, &c. of Gold or Silver, they before and bought them of the Goldsmiths, and what Cutlers works were necessary to be joyned thereto, they bought of the Cutlers, and then

procured them to be joyned together.

And 'tis well known that the Cutlers did not heretofore until within the last thirty years, keep a Silver or Gold Hilt, or any other Goldsmiths works

works in their Shops, except the Gold and Silver Wier as aforesaid: Neither did they intermeddle with buying or selling the same, but such works were wholly confined among the Goldimiths.

Neither have the Cutlers Corporation any Authority either by Patent or Statute-Law, to inspect, try, or regulate the Works of Goldor Silver, or to punish the abuses therein. Therefore the working Gold or Silver into works (be it of any shape or fashion whatsoever) is not the Cutlers Trade.

And if a Cutler shall buy a silver Hilt, or other Goldsmiths Work, and joyn the same to a Sword or Rapier Blade, or the like; no more thereof is to be accounted the works of this proper Trade than what is within the jurisdiction of the Master and Wardens of the Cutlers to search for, try, and regulate: And not any part thereof that is within the jurisdiction of the Wardens of the

Goldsmiths, to survey, try, and regulate.

And if a Goldsmith shall joyn a Sword or Rapier-blade or any other Cutlers work, to a Silver Hilt, or any other Goldsmiths Works, such doing of the Goldsmith cannot be (in reason accounted) the exercising the Cutlers Trade; it being only joyning the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade; and is, and hatk been frequently practised, not only by the Taylors joyning Plate-Buttons to a Garment; and a Cabinet-Maker joyning Silver hinges, and other Goldsmiths works to a Cabinet; and a Girdlers joyning Silver Buckles to Girdles or Belts, but also in divers others Trades; as a Smith or Carpenter joyning Hinges, Barrs, and Cramps of Iron (which are Works of the Blacksmiths Trade) to Works of the Carpenters Trade:

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Trade; and an Upholsterer joyning the works of several Trades to each other, and was never accounted to be the exercising any of them, neither

a transgressing the said Statute 5 Eliz. 4.

And to suppose that the joyning the works of one Trade to the works of another Trade, is the following or exercising any of those Trades, according to the said Statute of Eliz. there is the same reason to suppose that a person having served seven years Apprentiship to a Taylor or a Cabinet maker, or any other Trade, (to the works whereof are joyned the works of the Goldsmiths Trade) may after such Apprentiship lawfully follow and exercise all or any part of the Goldsmiths Trade; and that a person having served seven years Apprentiship to the Carpenters Trade, may lawfully follow and exercise the Blacksmiths Trade; and a person having served seven years Apprentiship to the Blacksmiths Trade, may lawfully follow and exercise the Carpenters Trade: and a person having served seven years Apprentiship to the Trade of an Upholster, may lawfully exercise and follow either the Joyners, or Smiths, or Brasiers, or Turners, or Weavers, or Gilders Trade, they frequently joyning the works of every of these Trades to each other. But these suppositions are utterly false, and the unreasonableness and unpracticableness thereof is visible to every capacity.

From all which I infer, that neither the buying and selling the works of any Manual Trade,
nor the joyning the works of one Manual Trade
to the works of another, is intended by the Stat.
5 Eliz. 4. to be the exercising or following any of
them.

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Every person having served seven years Apprentiship, or as an Apprentice, (to any person that did before, and during the said term follow the Goldsmith's Trade as aforesaid) such persons and their Apprentices (and none other) may lawfully sollow or exercise the same. See the Statute 5 Eliz. Cap. 4.

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batim as followeth, (viz.)

And be it further Enaced, by the Authozity afozelaid, That after the first day of May next coming, it shall not be lawful to any person of persons (other than such as now do lawfully uleo: exercise any Art. Appsterp, or Manual Occupation) to set up, occupp, use oz exercise any Crast, Appstery, 02 Manual Occupation, now used or occupied within this Realm of England or Wales (ex cepthe shall have been brought up therein seven pears at the least as an Appzentice in manner and form abovesaid; nor to set any person on work in such Mystery, Art, oz Occupation, (being not a Wockman at this day) except he shall have been Apprentice as is aforesaid, or else having ser= ved as an Appzentice as is aforesaid, shall oz will become a Journeyman, oz hired by the pear, upon pain that every person willingly offending, or doing the contrary, shall fozfeit and lose foz every default fozty Willings for every month,

The meaning of the said Branch more fully to

this purpose is thus, (viz.)

To make a man lawfully capable to follow low the Goldsmiths Trade, he must have served seven years Apprentiship, or as an Apprentice seven years to a person that did before such Apprentiship (and also during that term) follow the Goldsmiths Trade as aforesaid, openly, commonly, and by publick Profession make and sell Goldsmiths Works,

and not privately by stealth.

An Information was brought in the Kings-Bench at Westminster in Hillary Term, the 27 of King Charles II. against H. H. for exercising the Goldsmiths Trade, (not having served seven years Apprentiship thereto) contrary to the said Statute of Eliz. one witness on the Desendants part testified his service seven years; but the Lord Chief Justice Hale gave direction to the Jury, that unless it be proved that the Defendants Master did make and sell Goldsmiths works some considerable time before the Defendant became his Apprentice, they must find for the Plaintiff; it being strongly suggested, that instead of the Master teaching the Defendant, he the Apprentice did teach the Master to make Silver Hilts, and other Goldsmiths works; and that the Defendants Apprentiship was only for colour to his following the Goldsmiths Trade; but upon other testimonies for the Defendant, the Plaintiff suffered a Non-suit.

The intent of the Statute for confining persons to seven years Apprentiship to follow those Manual Trades, is this, (to wit) that they may in all probability be skilful, and the better Workmen; and by consequence make all their works the more decent and serviceable: And although some are very botchers that have been brought up in

fuch Apprentiships; and some good Work-men that never were so instructed, which are rarities, and do happen but seldom, yet very common it is, and well known that persons become curious Artists in those Trades wherein they are so brought

up, that otherwise would not be so.

Wherefore if this Branch of the Statute should be repealed, or made of no use by not being savoured in the Courts where Cases thereon shall happen to be tryed, it will not only be considerable loss, and discredit to the people of this Kingdom by bad workmanship, but also much discourage the putting Children or Youth to serve seven years to such Trades for a way of livelihood, when every botcher may without such service follow them at pleasure.

And those that would otherwise be curious Artists, will be discouraged so to be, by foreseeing a necessity to sell their works at the prices, for which the botchers sell theirs, or have none or ve-

ry little Trade.

And although this holds not true in the general, some wearing or using buyers being so skilful to chuse good workmanship, and resuse the bad, or give a sutable price for either; yet certain it is, that ill workmanship is not sufficient punishment in it self to the maker, by not having vent, for the greatest part of the wearing or using-Buyers having very little or no skill, do take all sorts of works upon that little skill they have, or upon the commendation of the seller, (who certainly will not disparage, nor speak any thing that may lessen the esteem of the same) and thus are deceived, when a due observing the Laws would prevent it.

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Note, That those who have been Apprentices in London for seven years to any Trade (whether Manual or other) and made Free of that City, may use any other Trade in the same City, that is, leave off the Trade which they served unto, and sollow any other Buying or Selling Trade; but not a Manual Trade intended by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. Neither may they exercise or follow two Trades at one time, unless having served seven years Apprentiship to them joyntly together: And if they leave off such complext-Trades, they may not take up or follow but one other Buying and selling-Trade at one time. This is by the ancient custom (of the City) in being long before that Statute was made.

And for preventing the mistake upon the Case of John Tolley, Hill. 12 Jac. in Banco rep. and Bul-Strod, 1.190, 191. it may be observed, that the said Tolley having served seven years to a Woolpacker in London, and being made Free of that City, leaveth that Trade, and betaketh himself to the Trade of an Upholsterer, which is only a Buying and Selling Trade, and not a Manual

Trade, comprehended in the said Statute.

Every one, before that Statute, might by the Common Law follow what Trade he pleased (or was capable of) except in London, and the Liberties of the same: the custom whereof, in the case of Manual Trades (as aforesaid) being long before that Statute was made, so well approved, that it became the pattern for the rest of the Kingdom, and all were by a Law, confined to observe and keep that so long experienced wholesome Custom of the City of London.

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So that neither by that case, nor any other, can it be proved that any person may sollow or exercise in London, or elsewhere, any Manual Trade, comprehended in the said Statute, that hath not been brought up seven years as an Apprentice thereto as aforesaid.

Note, That though an Infant may voluntarily bind himself an Apprentice, and if he continue an Apprentice for seven years, he may at that seven years end have the benefit and use of his Trade; and no Covenant of an Apprentice-Infant will bind him for longer term of Apprentiship than seven years.

This is to be understood of all Apprentices bound before the Justices of the Counties, in such places where all persons by the Common Law (before the Statute of Eliz.) might exercise and follow what Manual Trade they pleased without

serving Apprentiship thereto.

But that holds not where the custom of any Corporation is otherwise, as in London it was (before that Statute, and now is) that no person should exercise any Manual Trade therein, unless he shall have served seven years Apprentiship thereto at the least And that an Infant of a competent age, as either of 11, 12, 13, 14. years or more, having bound himself an Apprentice by Covenant of Indenture for eight or nine years, or more, and it be inrolled before the Officer (as the Chamberlain in London) appointed for that purpose, that such his Infant-Covenant should be good, and oblige him to serve out that time, before he should have the benefit and use of his Trade, or be freed from his Master.

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This Custom of London is the Common Law of London, and will stand good against the Common Law of the Kingdom, there being no Statute that controuls, but many that confirms it: And an action thereon will hold in any Court against any Apprentice so bound, and inrolled, that shall go from his Master after seven years end (without his consent) before the expiration of the residue of the term in his Indentures, and sutable damage will be recovered.

Note also that the Covenants of Apprentiship of any person under twenty one years of age will not bind him, (but is utterly void in Law) unlessit be inrolled, before the Chamberlain of London, or the Justices in the Counties, or the Officers in Corporations, according to Law and Custom.

Note further that Aliens (that is, those born out of the Kings Dominions, and of Parents out of the Kings obedience) not made Denizens, are disabled by our Laws to follow (as Masters) the Goldsmiths Trade, although they have been brought up seven years, as Apprentices thereto. See the Decree made in the Star-Chamber the Twentieth day of February, in the 20. Year of Henry VIII. and confirmed by Stat. 21 Hen. 8. 16. the branch thereof to this purpose is verbatim thus, (viz.)

And also it is surther Decreed, That no Stranger, Artiscer, or Pandicrastleman, born out of our Obeplance (not being a Desnizen) which at the day of the making of this Occae is not a Pouholder within this our Realm, or keepeth any Shop or Shops within the said City and Suburbs,

within this our Kealm, hall from that day forward set up or kéep any Pouse, Shoy, or Chamber within our City of London, Suburbs, or Parishes before rehearsed; or within any other City, Town, Burrough, or Village within this our Kealm, wherein he hall exercise and practice any Pandicraft or Appstery, upon pain to incur, and run into such Penalties as he contained in the Statutes before this time made and Enacted.

The Penalties referred to, by the said Decree and Statute, is mentioned in a branch of the Statute 1 Rich. 3.9. which is verbatim thus, viz.

Mozeover, That no person not bozn un= der the Kings Obeplance, as befoze is said, hall exercise or occupy any Handicraft, or the Occupation of any Handicrafts-man in this Realm of England; but that all such persons, which after the said Feast of Easter thall come into this Realm, every of them shall depart into their own Country again, or else be Servants to such of the Kings Subjects only, as be expert and cunning in such Feits, Arts, and Crafts, which the said Stranger can occupy, upon pain of fozfeiture of all their gods, which hall come and dwell in this Realm contrary to this Aa, in whose hands soever thep hall be found.

Note, That all Aliens and Denizens, are by the Statute 5 Eliz. 4. forbidden the use of any Handicrast Trades, named or intended by that Statute, that have not been Apprentices thereto seven years, or served as Apprentices seven years within this Kealm, upon the said penalty. See for

this Hutton, 132. Jenk. Cent. 7. Case 15.

The one halt of which Forfeitures in the case of Aliens kæping house, &c. appointed by the said Statute, is to be to the king; the other half to him or them that will seize the same, or pursue for the same by Acion of Debt, by Bill at the Common Law, by Bill or plaint after the Custom of the City or Town where such Fines, Forseitures, or Penalties hereafter shall fall and be: And that the Defendant in any such Acion shall not be admitted to wage or do his Law, nor no Protection nor Esopon of the kings Service shall be allowed for any such Defendant in the same, 1 Rich. 3.9.

And in the case of Apprentices, upon the Statute of 5 Eliz. 4. The one half of all Foz= feitures and Penalties exprest and mentioned therein, (other than such as arcers pzeap otherwise appointed) hall be to the Queens Majesty, her Heirs and Succes sozs; theother Moiety to him or them that will sue for the same in any of the Queens Majesties Courts of Record, or before any of the Justices of Oyer and Terminer, 02 bekoze any other Justices oz Pzesident and Councel befoze remembred, by Aaion of Debt, Information, Bill of Complaint, ozotherwise; in which Aaions oz Suits no Protection, wager of Law or Essoin shall be allowed.

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And that the said Justices, or two of them, whereof one to be of the Quorum, and the said Presidents and Councels as is aforesaid; And the said Mapors or other head Officers of Cities of Towns Coppos rate, Mall have full Power and Authority to hear and deternine all and every Offence and Offences, that stall be commit= ted or done against this Estatutezor against any branch thereof, as well upon Indiament to be taken before them in Sessons of the Peace, as upon Information, Action of Debt, or Bill of Complaint to be Sued or Exhibited by any person: and shall and map by virtue hereof make process against the Defendant, and award Execution, as in any other case then lawfully may by any the Laws and Statutes of this Realm: And thall pearly in Michaelmas-Term, cer-tifie by Estreat, the Fines and Porseitures of every the Offences contained in this Estatute, that shall be found befoze them, into the Court of Exchequer in like sozt and form as they be bound to certifie the Estreats foz other Offences and Fozfei= tures to be lost befoze them, any thing in this Statute contained to the contrary not= withstanding.

Now as I have shewn some reasons for the making that branch in the Statute for confining persons to seven years Apprentiship to follow the Manual Trades, so I think it necessary to give you the reasons for making the Laws against Aliens, following (as Masters) any Manual Trade

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within this Realm; which reasons are amply set down, both in the Preamble of the afore-mentioned Decree, and in the said Statute of 1 Rich.

3. 9. Those in the Statute are verbatim thus, viz.

Mozeover a great number of Artificers and other Strangers not bozu under the Kings Obeplance, do daily reloze and respair to the City of London, and to other Cities, Burroughs, and Towns of the laid Realm, much mozethan they were wont to do in times past, and inhabit by themselves in the said Acalm with their Wives, Chils dzen, and Poushold, and will not take upson them any labozious Occupation; as going to Plow, oz Cart, and other like bustiness, but use the making of Cloth, and other Pandicrasts, and easie Occupations; and bzing and convey from the parts besond the Face Care Care Care Care pond the Sea great substance of Wares and Merchandizes to Fairs and Markets, and all other places of this Realm at their pleasure; and there sell the same, as well by Betail as otherwise; as freely as any of the Kings Subjects use to do, to the great dammage and impoverishment of the Kings laid Subjeas.

And will in no wife suffer noz take any of the Kings said Subjects to work with them, but they take only into their Service, people vorn in their own Countrey; whereby the Kings said Subjects soz lack of Occupation fall into idleness, and be Thieves, Beggars, Vagabonds, and people of vicious living, to the great perputation

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And when the Merchants, Artificers, and Strangers befoze rehearled have gained within this Realm, by Buying and Selling, or by such easie Occupations and Pandicrafts, great substance of Goods, with the same substance they go out of this said Realm, to such parts beyond the Sea, as them liketh best, and there spend the same goods oftentimes amongst the Kings Adversaries and Enemies, to the great damage of our Sovereign Loed the King and his Subjects, and impoverishing of this Realm, and the Commons of the same.

And so by the occasion of the premisses, the substance of the Inhabitants in the said Cities, Burroughs, and Towns now of late hath fallen, and daily doth fall into great poverty and decay, to their great undoing; unless the Kings gracious

aid be to them in this behalf shewed.

The reasons in the afore recited Decree made

in the 20 Hen. 8. are verbatim thus, (viz.)

Where of late our true and faithful Sub= jeas, Artificers, and Pandicraftl-men, bozn under our Gbeplance, inhabiting within our City of London, and the Suburbs of the same, exhibited unto us a lamenta= ble Bill of Complaint; containing, that notwithstanding many good and necessary Statutes, and Aas of Parliament have been published, ordained, and made; and especially one in the first year of King Richard

chard the Third; and the other being made in the first year of the Reign of our dearest Father of noble Ademozy, Henry VII. late King of this Mealm; and in the 14. and 15. Pear of our Reign, concerning Strangers, Artificers, and Handieraftlemen, born out of our obeplance, using and erercising Pandicrafts within this our Realm of England, as well toz the restraining of the excessive number, and unreasonable behaviour of the same Strangers Artificers, bom out of our Obeplance; which by continual resort and repair into this our said Realm, daily increased, to the great detriment of our own Patural Subjects Artificers of the same Handicrafts and Abre steries, and of other sundep inconvenien= cies; by occasion that divers of the said Subjects for lack of Occupation fall into idleneig.

As also for the Acformation of sundry deceits and falthoods, practiled by the laid Strangers Artificers in the said Pandi= crafts, to the great dammage and loss of us, and of all our said natural Subjects.

The said Strangers Artificers, nothing pondering or dreading the said Statutes, ne the penalties in the same contained and expressed, cease not contemptuously as well to abuse the said Statutes, and most part entirely to infringe and break the same.

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ment of the Commonwealth of this our Realm; and our loving Subjects of the same; for when any search thall be made in every Pandicraft within any City, Town, oz Burrough Cozpozate, within our said Realm, by our Subjects, the said Wardens and others ordained by the said last Act of Handicrafts-men, within any City, Town, or Burrough-Corporate, and an Housholder-Stranger, born out of our O: beplance, inhabiting within our said City, Town, of Burrough-Corporate, using any Pandicraft, be he Denizen, of not Denizen; the said Stranger being a Poussolder, as befoze is said, being lawfully war= ned and required thereunto, according to the said Aa, either will refuse to do his duty therein, oz else he will give secret warning thereof to his Brethren of the said Crafts.

Whereby they have not only conveyed and hid all their unlawful, untrue, subtil and deceitful Wares, which they untruly, subtilly, and unsubstantially, and deceitfully have made, and daily make and utter to our Subjects at excessive and unreasonable prices, to the great detriment and dammages of our said Subjects, but also their Servants and Apprensises, but also their Servants and Apprensities they have hid from the knowledge of the said Wardens, when any such search hath happened to be made.

And so they defraud the same good and honozable Statute and Aa; so that there-

or may ensue according to the tenor, purport, and effect of the said Statute, but they constemn, despise, and set at naught the same; whereby, and by the other unlawful means asocsaid, they daily increase in great kisches, and in great multitude in numbers of Strangers, Handicraftsmen born out of our Obeysance.

And when they have gathered much Kizches and Money, they against our Laws

convey the same Money over the Sea.

And then they also go over the Sea into their own Countries, and there purchase them Lands and Tenements with part thereof; and with the residue of the same they live thereby; and sometimes they convert part thereof to the use of our Enemics

in those parts.

And so as well our poor Subjects. Cordswainers, and all our Subjects Pandicraftsmen, born within our Obeplance, by the means aforesaid be sore impoderished, nurnished, and almost utterly decaped and destroyed; and many of them sor sack of Occupation in the said Pandicrafts, be constrained to live in idleness; by occasion whereof they do continually fall to Thest, Apurder, and other great Offences; and consequently in great numbers be put to death by our Laws, as we be informed.

Which reasons, if well considered, and compared with the present grievances of our Manual Trades-men, their condition will appear to be as

bad as then, or rather worse.

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The nature of their present case is thus, The poorer sort of Aliens of all sorts of manual Trades, not able to live in their own Countrey, and others of them of extravagant dispositions, have and do daily come into this Realm; and instead of becoming Houshold-servants to our Natives-Artificers, (which is allowed by our Laws, and the Laws of Nations to each of them for one month at one place, for their sustenance as Travellers) do settle at first in private corners, and in Garrets, and fuch like places, and chiefly in the out-parts of this City, and then for their present sustenance, by one means or other, with extraordinanary necessitated-diligence, they make Works, and then about with it they go, sometimes to the Gentry, and sometimes to the Native-Tradesmen-Shop-keepers, and the same works do sell for less profit than they could afford them, did they live like men.

The reason thereof is, for that they know they transgress our Laws, and cannot withstand the severity of them, unless by such their cheap selling they get favour amongst some ill-minded Natives that value not the ruine of the publick, so they

can advance their present private benefit.

And when got into a way of Trade, they make their Works slight, unlawful, and fraudulent, and so by any deceitful means in their Trades, they get considerable Riches, with which they either return into their own Countrey, or else procure themselves to be Naturalized or made Denizens; and then their names being up, they sell all their Works (which do not in the least in Workmanship, exceed the Works of our Natives) at prices much above them.

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And it is notoriously known, that our Natives exposing their own Works to sale amongst the Gentry, have been slighted, and their Works so undervalued, that the same Works they have put into the hands of Aliens of the same Trades; who being employed on purpose, have exposed those Works to the same Gentry, and have obtained, not only the desired prices of the Owners, but a considerable surplussage to the benefit of themselves.

Now observe the ill consequence of suffering these poor Caterpiller-Aliens thus to incroach and

undermine us.

Our poor natural English Manual Tradesmen (which are innumerable) in all probability might live well and comfortable on their Trades, they being in the general no whit inferior therein, to any people in the world: These I say, seeing their Trades thus undermined, are forced (of meer necessity) to the same deceitful courses as the Aliens take, or starve, that is, make their Works slight and adulterate, and sell cheap, and so low, that (notwithstanding the benefit by such fraud) their

gains will not support them.

And here is the advantage the Alienshave, they are accustomed from the beginning to a course, and mean Diet, and mean and dirty Apparel, which our Natives never were used to; nor can they substitute it: And our Natives Artificers are generally Contributers to all Taxes scot and lot, which these Aliens are freed from by living here in holes and corners. And thus when the gains are equal, and the expence of the natural English so much above the Aliens, 'tis no marvel that these Aliens flourish and grow rich, and the natural

tural English Artificers become Beggars and Thieves.

As to the great fraud and abuse to the people in Gold and Silver Works, whence doth it arises it is plain it comes from this root, The Aliens-Artificers undermine us, by ill practices, and the natural English Artificers must do so too; that is, get by fraud what they lose by decay in their Trades: Now take away the cause and the effect will follow; suppress and prevent these Caterpiller Aliens, and the natural English Goldsmiths will all be easily brought to make lawful, substantial, and curious Goldsmiths Works: and it cannot be supposed they will be unreasonable in their gains, fince it is apparently true, that there is not occasion or use amongst us, for the quantities of Works in fashion that the natural English Artificers can with their ordinary diligence make up fit for sale and use.

Now it is unreasonable for any to suppose that to give free liberty (by a Law) for the mean and poor Aliens to come into this Realm, and to sollow and exercise the Manual Trades (with as much freedom and liberty as the Natives) will, according to that general saying, (to wit) make us the more flourishing and rich, because the more popular; when it is apparent it will (on the contrary) endanger those poor Aliens, their Wives and Childrens falling to the charge of the Parishes, and make us the more poor and beggerly; especially the Manual Tradesmen, who are not the least part of the people of this Kingdom.

But if Authority could order it so, that the Merchants and wealthy Aliens (not being Artificers

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or Handicrafts-men) could be perswaded to come and settle amongst us, I am considently perswaded, that instead of causing discontent in our Natives, it would be their exceeding joy, to see by this means this Kingdom in so probable a way of growing great, both in Riches and Honor; or if there were some new Manusacture set on soot amongst us, and we not having Natives to supply or mannage it, then in such cases if the poor Aliens-Artificers were invited over, and employed only therein, it may not a little contribute

to our advantage.

To conclude this digression, in the afore-mentioned case of Aliens-Artisicers, and in the cases of serving seven years Apprentiships, to sollow the Manual Trades, two parties are in contest, (viz.) the persons enjoying priviledges by our Laws; and the persons fraudulently, and unlawfully, incroaching into, lessening, and taking away those priviledges; now what difference is there betwixt this fraud, and the taking away unlawfully a mans Lands, Tenements, Goods or Chattels, which are all enjoyed by our Laws? Tis only this, The latter is a property in specie, and supposed certainty; the other is a property accidental.

The Natural born, and Naturalized Artificers of this Realm, have not only a common property by Birth or Naturalization, to have, receive, and enjoy all the advantages and benefit that do or shall arise, from the working or making the Manual Works made in this Realm (they having been brought up in this Realm seven years as Apprentices thereto) but also every man so brought up, hath paid a considerable price for such his pri-

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viledge (to wit) a considerable sum of money to be bound Apprentice, and seven years service besides, which amounts to a greater value; and then comes in the Aliens-Artificers, and they with others who never served seven years, enter upon these priviledges, and immunities, having no right thereto, they never having been at such cost and charges, or labour amongst us, for gaining the Trades they thus intrude into and follow: therefore no reason they should be suffered to enjoy any of them, but be esteemed as injurious as Thieves and Robbers; and the rigor of our Laws inflicted on them: And little reason there is that the Robbers on the High-way (their so doing being no offence but by the Law) should be so se-verely prosecuted, and these sort of persons (whose offence is all one in effect) be tolerated and connived at, when the intent of our Laws is to preserve every ones property, and was made for the punishing all invaders thereof. But to return to my intended design.

Worker or seller of Silver-work) any kind of Silver-Wares suspected to be deceitful, the same deceit may be known without deing prejudice to the work, by rubbing the Plate in some place least in sight, with a File of indisferent sineness; and if it be worse than Sterling, it will appear Tellowish, or else sile it a little, and rub the place siled on a clean Touch-stone, and close by it rub the edge of a good Half crown-piece, or such like thick money, and the difference, if any, will appear.

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The reason that I direct the filing the Work, is this, (to wit) that the Artificial boiling of course Silver-work, will so eat or dissolve the Allay that is on the surface or outside thereof, that unless it be filed as abovesaid, it will Touch on the Touch-stone six-pence or eight-pence in the ounce better then it is.

Note, It is cause to suspect that the Silver is very course, when the work do rise in Blisters, or Peel, or Scale off in thin Scurf or Flakes; which Scaling, Scurf or Blistering, is caused by the eating the Allay as aforesaid, and the Silver thus seperated from the Allay, will remain of an infirm spungy body, and therefore will be apt to Peel as aforesaid.

Note further, That to know a good Touch-stone, you must observe, That the best sort are very

Touch-stones are usually sold at the Iron-mongers in Fosser-lane, London. black, and of a fine grain, polished very smooth, and without any spungy or grain-holes; And near the hardness of a Flint, but yet

with such a sharp cutting greet, that it will cut or wear the Silver or Gold when rubbed thereon.

The way to make a true Touch on the Touchstone, is thus; When your Touch-stone is very clean, which if foul or soily, it may be taken off, by wetting it, and then rubbing it dry with a clean

These Pomice-stones and Blew Hones, or Smoothing stones, are Sold at the Iron-mongers in Fosser-lane, London.

Woollen Cloth; or if fill'd with Touches of Gold or Silver. &c. it may be taken off by rubbing the Touch-stone (if very hard) with a fine Pomice-stone, if not

very hard, with a fine Blew-Hone first, and then with a well burnt Charcole in water, and it will make it very clean; and observe, the smoother you make the Touch-stone, the clearer will be the Touch: Therefore whether you use a Pomicestone, Hone, or Charcole, prepare them very even, and rub them on the Touch-stone very lightly, and cross the grain of the Touch-stone, if any grain there be: Then (your Silver being filed as above-said) rub it steadily and very hard on the stone, not spreading your Touch above a quarter of an inch long, and no broader then the thickness of a Five-shilling-piece of Silver; And so continue rubbing it until the place of the stone whereon you rub, be like the Metal it self: And when every fort is rubbed on, that you intend at that time, wet all the touch't places with your Tongue, and it will shew it self in its own countenance.

If it appear by these ways to be worse than Standard, you may carry or send it to the Gold-smiths Assay-Office aforesaid, and upon your desire, the Officers there will make an assay of the same, and give you a true report of the value thereof in writing, and return the Ware (and Silver taken off for the Assay) to you again, and no more defaced than what is done by the scraping of the Silver for the assay.

But if you are minded to keep the matter more concealed, you may artificially cut or scrape between 18 and 24 grains from some one part, or from all the parts of the work (except the soddered places) (for less in weight than between 18 and 24 grains is not sufficient for an assay)

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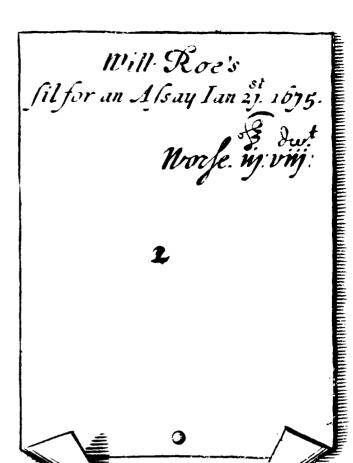
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Then in a piece of paper of about 6 inches long, and 4 inches broad, At the one end write down the Owners name, and the day of the Month and Year; (the reason for dating the Assay paper, is to prevent delay in the Assay-Master, and the mistake of the time it was or ought to be Assayed in, if it should happen to be questioned) and at the other end put the cuttings or scrapings of Silver in a fold, turning in the corners once, to prevent the shedding the Silver, and so fold up all the paper to the name so written on the top as aforesaid. The manner and form for folding up the said Paper, and of the Assay-Master's Entry of his report in such Paper is here presented by a Coper Cut.

Here place the Copper Cut.

Then carry or send it to the Gold-smiths Assay-Office as aforesaid (which is now on the South part of their Hall in Foster-lane, London) on a ; of the Assay-days aforesaid, before the hour of 9 in the morning, and leave it with the Assay-Master or his Servant, and at 6 of the Clock or before in the Afternoon the same day it will be done; which I conceive will be, with the more courteous, careful, and ready performance (especially to strangers) to prevent suspition of their being disaffected to the reformation, or favourers of such: And by calling there for the Assay, by the name in the Paper, it will be delivered, upon the payment of 2^d, which is the accustomed Fee for the making of an Assay of Silver. But all Workers in Goldsmiths works in London, and three Miles compais of the same (whose Markes are entred on

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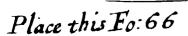


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on the Table of Marks in the Office) are not to pay any thing for their Silver Assays brought on the Assay-day-eve, or on the Assay-day before 9 of the Clock in the Morning; and if after (in the same day) to pay 2 d for every Assay; see the Table of Orders in the Assay-Office: This is done Gratis to the Workers, that they may always readily make and know their Silver to be Sterling before they work it.

In which Paper the Assay Master will enter his report thereof in writing in manner following.

If it be Sterling or Standard, he sta. will write ______ Sta. If it be Two penny weight worse, he will write, _ \mathbb{worse} worse If it be Two penny weight and half worse, he will worse is ob.

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And so proceeding higher.
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If it be an ounce and a half penny weight worse, he will write
If it be one Ounce and five penny weight worse, he will write.
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If it be one ounce and fifteen penny weight worse, he will write
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nineteen penny weight worse worse, he will write—

Note, That [dwt] signifies penny-weight, and Signifies Ounce.

And so proceeding higher according as he finds the Silver courser, and with Numeral Letters setting down what 'tis worse than Sterling or Standard.

And it must be observed, whatever weight he

See more Examples of Allays of Silver, and the value thereof cast up, in the Catalogue of Foreign Coins, at the latter end inserted.

sets down, it is to be accounted so much in every pound, or twelve ounces Troy.

And that if Standard Silver be at five shillings the ounce Troy, for every pen-

ny weight that 'tis reported worse, you must account 'tis worse by so many farthings in the ounce; and for every ounce that 'tis reported worse, you must account 'tis worse by so many times sive pence in every ounce: and for work and charge to refine it, you must also account one penny for every ounce that 'tis reported worse. For example.

In the Copper Cut is a Silver Assay, reported worse than Standard three ounces, and eight pen-

ny weight: First, count for the three ounces, fifteen pence, and for eight penny-weight, eight farthings or two pence: and for work and charge to refine it, three pence half-penny: all which being added together, make one shilling, eight pence half-penny; which take out of five shillings, there remains three shillings and three pence halfpenny, the value of an ounce of such course Silver, which is one shilling, eight pence half-penny in every ounce worse than Stand silver (of the price aforesaid) as in the Copper Cut; and comes to this effect, (viz.) that for every twenty penny weight, or ounce Troy that 'tis reported worse than Standard, you must account six pence, and so proportionable for more or less; for so much it will cost for every ounce of such course Silver to make it of Sterling goodness, or to change it for Sterling.

When you have so done, and your Silver being found and reported worse than Sterling, you may apply your self to the person of whom you received or bought the course work, and demand the return of the Money which you paid for the same, (upon your return of the Ware) or what other satisfaction shall be reasonable; and upon resusal (which I dare affert, will not be by one of twenty, if the work be materially faulty) you may make your Complaint to the Master-Warden of the Goldsmiths, he will cause the Offender (living in or about London) to be summoned to appear at the next Court of the said Company (which usually hath been, and will be about eleven of the Clock on Wednesdays and Fridays, or one of them (if working-days) in every Week at their

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Common Hall) and upon evidence of the Fact, the Wardens will (being obliged thereto by Law) procure you recompence, and punish the Offender; they having promised so to do in their late

Precept hereaster inserted.

If you dislike those ways of proceeding, you may go by way of Action of Debt, Bili, I laint, or Information, at the suit of the party grieved, who may sue in any of the Courts of Record at Westminster, and thereby recover the value of the whole deceitful or adulterated Wares, together with his Charges, according to the said Statute of 18 Eliz.

There are also other ways of proceeding in these cases, as the afore-mentioned Statutes do plainly direct: as by Indictment at the Common Law for a Cheat and Offender against the Crown: in which cases the Courts do usually impose Fines sutable to the Offence in all their circumstances, and sometimes the Pillory: after all which the party grieved may bring his Action, and recover

the dammage sustained.

Note, It is material, that you keep an account of the Day, or Month, and Year in which you bought the course Works; and when you have privately procured an Assay thereof, and do find it to be materially course, the securest way will be to deliver the Work it self into the hands of the Assay-Master, for him to Assay it again; and then sub-pana him to bring the Work into Court, and give evidence how much it is worse than Standard.

Note also, It is good evidence that one or more do swear (at the Tryal) that the Counterseit Gold

Gold or Silver-Work was fold (by the person in question, or his Wise, or Servant) by the name of Gold or Silver; and there is no need to prove that it was sold in the name of, or for Standard: or that the Seller said, I will warrant it to be good Gold, or Silver; or Standard-Gold, or Sterling-Silver: for our Laws allows no Metal in Works to be accounted or called by the name of Gold or Silver; but that Gold and Silver of the sineness of Standard, or the Standard Allay.

Therefore, of whomsoever you buy the Work, let this be nicely observed, that the Seller do say it is Gold, or it is Silver; or the Buyer asking for Gold or Silver Works by the proper name; as for a Silver Hilt, or a Silver Buckle, or for a Gold Ring, &c. and the Seller do upon such desire, sell

or deliver it as such to the Buyer.

And that the Buyer may be the more certain at the Tryal, that the course Works in question was bought by him or her; it is very material, that before it depart out of their hands, a piece of Packthread without knot be put through the solid part of the Work, and a piece of paper (whereon is the day of the Month and Year, in which it was bought; and the name and weight of the Work, and the name of the Seller, his Sign, and Street) be sealed in the inclosing knot of the Packthread; and the Buyer keeping the Seal, cannot be mistaken, although the Work have been absought.

But this rule is the most useful, where several Works are bought of one or several persons, but not where the Buyer can certainly know the Work

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(by any Charractar) to be the same he bought of such a person-Trader therein, but the time of buying the Work is of such concern that it must not be omitted.

And that the persons aggrieved may be the better encouraged to proceed for their recompence, and to punish the Offenders, I have here inserted a true Copy of an Indictment in Latin, and the same rendered into English, taken out of the Original (now remaining of Record in the Crown-Office) that was preferred (in Trinity Term, in the 28 year of the Reign of King Charles the Second, &c.) before the Grand-Jury of Enquest (attending the Kings-Bench Court at Westminster) against a person-offender in the Premisses; which Bill (being drawn up, and this way of proceeding contrived by the advice of several Counsel learned in the Law) may serve (with some little variations, as occasion may be) for a good president in the like cases.

Per Jud' Trin' xxviij. Car' Secundi Regis.

Midd' Pr p Tho Rege sup Sacrani sum presentant ad A. B. nuper de Paroch Sanae M. in Com' pzedia' Aurifaber qui educat fuit in arte Aurifabzozum ac per tres Annos Famplius jam ult' claps eandem ar= tem apud paroch predia' in Com' pre= dia' exercuit ac per totum idem tempus ibidem fuit liber homo Misterie Aurifabzozum Civit London' ac quapturi= ma Vasa & at res er argento confea' pzetertu artis sue pzed ibidem fecit E fieri causavit ac di= verfligeis diai Domini Kegis nunc ibidem vendidit E venditioni exposuit Ac qui idem A. B.

Midd' st. THE Jury for our for our Sovereign Lord King upon their Oath do present, That A. B. late of the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields in the County aforesaid, Goldsmith, who was ·brought up in the Trade of a Goldsmith; for three years more now last past hath exercised the Trade within the Parish aforesaid in the County aforesaid, and for all that time there, was a Freeman of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of the City of London, and there by colour of his faid Trade made and caused to be made very many Vessels and other things of Silver, and there fold and exposed to fale to divers Liege People of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, and that the said A. B. well knowing that all Veffels and other things hene

bene sciens ad om= nia Vala E ak res argento confect E per homines Mi= sterii Aurifabzozum Civitat London' ven= ditionierpolic Eer= ponend infra Civit' pzer & alibi debent keri undequage [Anglice wholly de bono E vero Argento con= cordań cum Stand' Seacearii diai Do= mini, Regis & ante benditionem corun= dem debeant assai= ari [Anglicè be Assayed] & fignari [Anglice marked cum Infiguo [Anglicè the mark] Capitis Pardi [Anglice vo= the Leopards caf Head] per Custo's Misterii Aurifabzo: rum Civitat London' Quibus custo' Infignum ile ad sig= nan'i Vasa & a! res de Auro & Argento concordañ Standard pzediao confect ante equumade of Silver, and exposed and set to sale by men of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of the City of London within the City aforesaid and elsewhere, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver agreeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of our said Sovereign Lord the King; ought before the sale thereof to be assayed and marked by the Wardens of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of the City of London with the mark of the Leopards Head; which Wardens are lawfully entrusted with the Mark to mark Vessels and other things made Gold and Silver agreeing with the Standard aforesaid before the sale thereof: Nevertheless the said A. B. being a person of an evil and dishonest disposition, and evilly devising and fraudulently dem

dem vendisonem le= aitime creditur I= dem tamen A-B. eri= sten's persona male E inhoneste disposs= tionis ac machi= nang nequit & fraudulent intendens li= geos E subdit diai Domini Regis nunc falso illicite decepti= ve callide E subdole decipere & defrau= dare & leges hujus Regni Ange subvertere vicelimo pzi= mo die Januarii Anno Kegni Domi= ni nostri Caroli Se= cundi Dei Gzatia Angk Scoc FrancE Hibern Regis Fidei Defensozis Ec. Wi= celimoleptimo apud Paroch' Sce M. in Com pzed sexagint abut eingular [An= alice co'f vocat draw Girdle Buckles] & oao fibul Calcear coit not Shooe Buckles de impuro & viliozi Argento quá debet esse de argent mie

intending the Liege People and Subjects of our said SovereignLord the King that now is, falfly, unlawfully, deceitfully, craftily, and subtilly to deceive and defraud, and to fubvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the one and twentieth day of fanuary, in the Seven and twentieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, and Ireland France King, Defender of the Faith, &c. at the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County aforesaid, falsly, fraudulently, and knowingly, did make and fashion threescore draw Girdle Buckles, and eight Shooe Buckles of impure and baser Silver than it ought to be, not agreeing with the Silver of the Standard aforesaid; that is to say,

concoed cum Standard pdiae videlicet vaodecim Dena'e in qualibet Oncia inde Viliozum quam Ar= gent cum standard Pdiao concordantals so traudulent & sci= enter confecit & fas bzicavit Ac illa sie confect & fabzicat ante aliquam Assai= a onem seu signaci= onem edzundem per Custod Misterii Aurifabzozum Civitat London' pred seu eorum alterius postea scilicet dés vicesims= pzimo die Januarii Año reani diai Dos mini Regis nunc vicelimoleptimolypya= dias apud Paroch sance M. in Com pze= dict ut res er Ar= gento undequaque confect de bono vero Argento con= cordañ cum Stand pzedino falso illicite deceptive & fraudus lenter venditioni ex= posuit ac diverp lis

Eighteen pence in every ounce thereof worser than the Silver agreeing with the Standard aforesaid; those things so made and fashioned before any Assay or Mark of the same by the Wardens of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of the City of London aforesaid, or either of them, Afterwards, that is to fay, on the same one and twentieth day of fanuary, in the aforesaid seven and twentieth year of the Reign of our faid Sovereign the King that now is, at the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields in the County aforesaid, as things made wholly of good and true Silver agreeing with the Standard aforesaid, falfly, unlawfully, deceitfully, and fraudently exposed to fale; And then and there exposed to sale, and fold to divers liege People of our said Sogeis

geis diai Domini Regis nunc Jur predicis ignot ad tunc & ibidem ven= dicioni exposuit E vendidit in cotempt diai Domini Regis nunc legumog suars ad grave dampnum E manifestam decex pcionem ligeozum pledick qui hujus modi fibulas cingular & fibut Calcear emer in malum Er= emplum omnium a= liozum in consit ca= su delinqueñ ac con= tra pacem diai Do= mini Kegis nunc Cozon & Dignitat suas, Ec.

vereign Lord the King that now is, unknown to the Jury aforesaid, in contempt of our faid Sovereign Lord King that now is, and of his Laws, to the great damage and manifest deceit of the said liege People who bought the faid draw-Girdles-Buckles, and Shooe-Buckles, to the evil example of all others offending in the like case, against the peace of our faid Sovereign Lord the King that now is, his Crown and Dignity.

This Information following was preferred against a person-Offender in the premisses, and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.

De Term. Sancti Michaelis An. Reg.Dom. Nostri Car' Secundi Reg. Angliæ,&c. xxix.

Midd' Memorand ff. A. Emorand Armiger Cozonat E Attorn Dni Kegis in Cur iplius Regis cozam ipso Rege qui pzo eodem Dño Reg in hac parte sequi= tur in propriationa sua ve v hic in Cur diai Dhi Regis coramipso Rege apud Westind die Martis prox' post tres septi= manas Sandi Michaelis isto codem terimo Ep code Dão Regeda' cur hic intelligi & informari qu' C. D. de Parech Martini Sanai Campis in Comi Midd' Aurikat gui per tres Annos E

Michaelmas Term in the Nine and twentieth year of the Reign of our SovereignLord Charles the Second, now King of England, &c.

Midd'ss. Emoran-dum, that S. A. Esq; Coroner and Attorney of the Lord the King, in the Court of the faid King, before the said King, who for the said Lord the King in this behalf followeth, in his proper person came here in the Court of the faid Lord the King, before the said King at Westminster, on Tuesday, next after three weeks of St. Michael, the same Term, and for the said Lord the King, gave to the Court here to understand and be informed, that C. D. of the amplius

amplius jam ult elaps artem Auri: faby in Com' predict exercuit ac quaplu= rima vasa E at reg er argento confect pretextu artis sue pzedid' ib'm fecit E fferi causabit ac dis vers ligeog diai Dhi Regis nunc vendicon erpoluit ac qu'idem C.D. bene sciens ad omnia va= sa Eatres ex argen: to confect & p homi= nes misterii Auri: fabzozum vendicon expéit & vendenő infra Com' pred E alibi infra hoc Reg= nid Ang? debent fi= eri undequack [Anglicè wholly] de ho= no & vero Argen= to Concoedan cum Standard Scaccarii diai Thi Regis 172eV tamen C. D. existens persona male E in: honeste dispositionis ac machinans ne: quiter & fraudulent Intendens ligeos E

the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County of Middlesex Goldsmith, who for three years and more now last past, the Trade of a Goldsmith in the County aforesaid hath exercised, and there by colour of his said Trade made and caused to be made very many Vessels and other things of Silver, and exposed to sale to divers Liege people of the said Lord the King that now is; And the faid C. D. well knowing that all Vessels, and other things made of Silver, and exposed and set to fale by men of the Mystery of Goldsmiths within the County aforefaid and elsewhere within this Kingdom of England, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver agreeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of the faid Lord the King: Nevertheless the said G sub:

subdit diai Dñi Kc= gis nunc falso illici: te deceptive callide E subdole deciperc E defraudare ac Îc= ges hujus regni Anglie subvertere sexto die Septembris Anno vicelimo nono Edivers ar diebus & vicibus tunc ans tea apud Paroch Sancti Martini Com' Campis in pred sex manibus argent (Anglice vocat Silver Hilts for Swords) ser ar res argent p manibus (vocat Pommels for Hilts of Swords) tria locum argent (Ange vocat Silver Lockets) E sex rostra argent (Anglice vocat Silver Chapes for Scabbards) insimul pon= deran trigint quatuoz uncias amplius de impuro & viliozi argento quam debent este, viz. de argent mie concoed cum Stans

C. D. being a person of an evil and dishonest disposition, and evilly devising, and fraudulently intending the Liege People and Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is, falfly, unlawfully, craftily and subtilly, to deceive and defraud, and to subvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the fixth day of Spetember, in the and twentieth year aforesaid, and divers other days and times, then before, at the Parish of St. Martin in the Fields, in the County aforesaid, fix Silver Hilts for Swords, fix Silver Pommels for Hilts of Swords, three Silver Lockets, and fix filver Chapes for Scabbards, together weighing thirty four ounces and more of impure and baser Silver than it ought to be, viz. of Silver not agreeing with the Silver of the dard

dard pdia' existent ododecim Denak in qualibet Uncia inde Diliozuni quam Argenteum Standard dd concordaa bi E armis, Ec. falloil licite traudulent & scienter cuidw R. L. und ligeozum Elub: ditozum diai Däi Regis nune adtune Tib'ni ut res ex ar= gent undequacy confca' de bono & vero argento concoed cum Standard pzediao vendicon expoluit E vendidit in Contempi diai Ofi Reais nune legumque suarum in malum eremplum omnium al'in tali casu delinqued ac contra pas ecm diai Ofi Kegis nunc Coron & Dig= nitat luas, Ec.

Standard aforesaid, being eighteen pence in every ounce thereof worser than the Silver agreeing with the Standard aforesaid by force and Arms, &c. falfly, unlawfully, fraudulently, and knowingly, to one R. L. one of the Liege People and Subjects of the said Lord the King that now is, then and there as things made wholly of good and true Silver, agreeing with the Standard aforesaid, exposed to sale, and sold, in contempt of the said Lord the King that now is, and of his Laws, to the evil example of all others offending in the like case against the peace of the faid Lord theKing that now is, his Crown & Dignity, &c.

The person that this Information was preferred against, is a Private-Worker; and it is strongly suggested supon good grounds) that he is an Alien, and never served any time of Apprentiship to the Goldsmiths Trade: And that he frequently works any kind of old course Gold or Silver into Hilts, &c. at the desire of, and for the Cutlers, and for want of such course Metals, he as frequently Allays of his own Silver that is finer or Standard, to the common courseness, as in this Information: and of the same course Silver makes Hilts, &c. of considerable quantities weekly.

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This Indictment following was preferr'd at the Sessions holden at Guild-hall London, against a Man and a Woman Partners Offenders in the Premisses; and was removed by Certiorari into the Kingsbench-Court; and now remains of Record in the Crown-Office.

De Termino S. Hillarii Annis Regni Domini Nost' Caroli Secundi nunc Regis Angl', &c. xxix. & xxx.

Lon. s Emozand gö ad ge= neral Section pacis Dhi Regis tenk p20 Civif London apud Guild-hall ejusdem Civik ac infra ean= dem Civik die Mer= cur scil Quartode= cimo die Novembris Anno Kegni Dni nostri Caroli secundi Dei Geatia Angl' Scot' Franc' & Hi= bern Regis Fidei Defensod,&c.Vicesi= mo nono coza F. C. Milik Majoz Civik London' T. A. Milit & Barr J. L.Millit T.B.

Hillary Term, in the Nine and Twentieth and Thirtieth years of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, now King of England, &c.

Lond. II. Emoran-dum, that at the General Sessions of the Peace of the Lord the King, held for the City of London at the Guild-hall of the same City, and within the same City, on Wednesday, that is to fay, the 14th. day of November, in the Nine and Twentieth year of the Reign our Soveraign Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ire-Milif

Milit T. D. Milit & J. E. Milit Aldzis Ci= vit pred Justic diai Dñi Regis ad Pacem in Civif pdick conservand nec-non ad divis felow tulgo E al malefaci infra candmd Civik ppe= traf audiend Eter= minand allign p Sa= crum duodecim Jur probod & legatin hos minu Civic London pred qui adtunc E îbm Juraf & oneraf existen ad Inquirend p diao Oño Re= ge E Corpore Civik pzederistit pzesentak 98 E. F. de Paroch S. Andree Holborn in Marda de Farrina= don ertra London pred Aurifahy als dick's E.G.de Paroch E Warda pzed Auri= fabd & H.I.de Paroch E Warda pred vid qui p tres annos E amplius jam elaps artem Auri: fabd in Civif London E Suburd ejusdem

land King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Before F. G. Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of London, T. A. Knight and Barronet, 7. L. Knight, T. B. Knight, C.D. Kinght, and J.E. Knight, Aldermen of theCity aforesaid, Justices Assigned to keep the Peace of the aforesaid Lord the King in the City aforesaid; as also to hear and determine divers Fellonies, Trespasses and other Misde. meanours within the same City committed, by the Oath of twelve of the Jury, good and lawful men of the City of London aforesaid; who then and there being Sworn and charged to enquire for the said Lord the King, and the body of the City aforesaid; it is presented that E. F. of the Parish of St. Andrew Holborn, in the Ward of Farringdon without London aforesaid, Goldsmith; otherexercuer E uterm eod exercuit, quamplurimas res ex argento confect pretextu artis pred ibm fecer Efferi cansaver Enterm eod fecit Ekericausavic, acdivis Lincos dei Oni Reg' nunc ibm vendicon expoluer E utercy cod bendicon erpoluif acqdiidem E.F. ats G.& H.I. bene sciens & uterox eod bene sciens adomás res er argento Confect Ep rson uten ark mißer Aurifabd pendicad expoit E vend infra Civitat pred & alibi infra hoc regnid Angt des bent fieri undequacq (Anglicè, wholly) de kono Evero argento eoncoed cum Stans dard Scaccarii dei Phi Kegis, pred tamen E.F. ats G.&H.I. existen pson malod Tinhonest disposicond ac Machin ne= quit Efraudulent ins

wise called E G. of the Parish and Ward aforesaid Goldsmith; H. 7. of the Parish and Ward aforesaid, Widdow; who for three years and more, now last past, the Trade of a Goldsmith in the City of London and Subburbs of the same, have Exercised, and either of them hath Exercised; and there by colour of the said Trade, they made and caused to be made, and either of them made and caused to be made very many things of Silver, and to divers Liege people of the said Lord the King, that now is, then exposed to Sale, and either of them exposed to Sale: And that the said E. F. alias G. and H.7. well knowing, and either of them well knowing, that all things made of Silver, and by persons using the Trade and Mistery of Goldsmiths, exposed and tendens

tenden Ligeos Æ Subdit der Offi ad tunc falso illicite de= ceptive callide Elub= dole decepe & defraudare ac Leges' hu: jus Regni Angtaib: vertere tricesimo die Augusti Anno Reg' Dni nostri Caroli Se: cundi Dei gratia Angl Scooffranc & Hiber Regis Fidei Defenso), &c. Di ccsimo nono apud London, videlt in Paroch S. Andree Holborn in Warda de Farringdon extra Lons don ped quindecim uncinut argent (Ans glice vocat' Silver Hooks) quatuozdeci Nocut argent (Anglice vocat' Silver Lockets) Equinquagink Flex Rostra argent (Anglice Silver Chapes for Scabbards) in fimut ponderam tresdecim uncias E amplius de impuro Evilliozi argent gind debent esse (viz.) de argento

fet to Sale within the City aforesaid, and elsewhere within this Kingdom of England, ought to be made wholly of good and true Silver, agreeing with the Standard of the Exchequer of the faid Lord the King. Nevertheless, the said E. F. alias G. and H. 7. being persons of an evil and dishonest disposition, and evilly devising and fraudently intending the Liege people and Subjects of the faid Lord the King. Then falsly, unlawfully, craftily and subtilly to deceive and defraud, and to subvert the Laws of this Kingdom of England, on the Thirtieth day of August, in the nine and twentieth year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lord Charles the Second, by the grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c. At Lonmie

mie concordan cd Standard pred er= isten duobus solid Equatuoz denar in qualit und inde villiod g wargent cum Stand pred concors dan vi Farmis,&c. falso illicite fraudu= Ienf & scienter cuidă R.L. und Ligcozum E Subditod dei Ont Reg' nune adtunc & ibm utres er argenk undequack confea' & valod quing Solid p qualibet une inde vendicoid exposuer Evendider & uterg eord vendicon exposuit & vendidit in contempt dei Di Regis nunc Legida suar Ead grave E manifest wdecepcon. pfak R. L. in malw eremplud &c.

don, (to wit) in the Parish of St. Andrew Holborn, in the Ward of Farringdon without London aforesaid, fifteen Silver Hooks, fourteen Silver Lockets, and fifty fixSilver Chapes for Scabbards, together weighing thirteen Ounces and more of impure and baser Silver than it ought to be(viz.) of Silver not agreeing with the Silver of the Standard aforesaid, being two Shillings and four pence in every Ounce thereof worser than the Silver agreeing with the Standard aforesaid, by force and arms, falfly, unlawfully, fraudently and knowingly, to one R. L. one of the Liege people and Subjects of the said Lord the

King that now is: Then and there as things made wholly of Silver, and worth five Shillings for every Ounce thereof exposed to Sale and Sold, and either of them exposed to Sale and Sold in contempt of the said Lord the King that now is, and of his Laws, and to the great and manifest deceipt of the

aforesaid R. L. to the evil example, Oc.

Now

Now will any person be discouraged, by the apprehension or fancy, that the trouble will be so great in getting recompense, that it were better to bear the loss and be contented so to be cheated, when the way and rules I have said down are so plain, so unfeignedly true, and so easily to be followed, that every person (of the capacity but one degree above a Natural) may be capable thereof.

And since these Directions are so plain, 'tis pity but he should be cheated that will not use them for prevention, or to get recompence when de-

ceived.

But it is to be observed, that there is a set and limited time for proceeding in these cases in course of Law; which time being expired, all persons are totally barr'd therein: See the Statute 31 Eliz. 5. & Stat. 21 fac. 16. the branches thereof

to this purpose are Verbatim thus (viz.)

Stat. 31 Eliz. 5. And beit further Enaced by the Authority aforesaid, That all Anisons, Suits, Bills, Indiaments, or Informations, which after twenty days next after the end of this Session of Parliament shall be had, brought, sued, or exhibited sor any forfeiture upon any Statute penal, made, or to be made, whereby the Forseitures is or shall be limited to the Queen, her Peirs or Successors only, shall be had, brought, sued, or exhibited within two years after the Ossence committed, or to be committed against such Aaspenal, and not after two years.

And that all Actions, Suits, Wills, for

Informations which after the said twentp dans thall be had, brought, sued, or commenced foz any fozfeiture upon any Penal Statute made of to be made (except the Statutes of Tillage) the benefit and Buit whereof is ex hall be by the faid Statute limited to the Queen, her Peirs of Succelsozs, and to any other which shall prosecute in that behalt, mall be had, brought, sued oz commenced, (by any person that may lawfully pursue for the same as aforesaid) within one year next after the Offence committed, or to be committed against the said Statute.

And in default of such pursuit, that then the same chall be had, sued, exhibited oz brought for the Quiens Majesty, her Heirs or Successors at any time within two years after that years end: And if any Action, Buit, Will, Indiament or Information for any Offence against any Penal Sta-tute made or to be made (except the Statute of Tillage) shall be brought after the time in that behalf befoze limited, that then the same shall be void and of none effect: any Aa o: Statute made to the contrary

notwithstanding.

Provided always, That where any Acison, Information, Indiament, or other duit, is or thall be limited by any Stas tutespenal to be had, sued, commenced, oz brought, within shorter time than is afore rehearsed, that in every such case the Action, Information, Indiament or other Suit

Buit, shall be brought within the time li-

mited by such Statute.

Statute 21 Jac. 16. And be it further Enaced. That all Actions of Trespals quare clausum fregit, all Actions of Trespass, Detinue, Aaion sur Trover and Replevin for taking away of Goods and Cattel, all Aais ons of Account upon the case (other than such accounts as concern the Trade of Merchandise between Merchant and Merchant, their Facois or Servants) all Acions of Debt grounded upon any lending oz contraa without specialty; all Aaions of Debt for Arrearages of Kent, and all Actions of Assault, Menace, Batter, Wounding and Imprisonment, or any of them, which shall be sued or brought at any time after the end of this present Selsion of Parliament, shall be commenced and sued within the time and simitation hereafter expressed, and not after: (that is to sap)

The said Actions upon the case (other than for stander) and the said Actions for Accompt, and the said Actions for Trespass, Debt, Detinue, and Repsevin for Goods or Cattel, and the said Actions of Trespass quare clausum fregit, within three pears next after the end of this present Session of Parliament, or within six pears next after the cause of such Actions or Suit,

and not after.

And the said Aaions of Trespass, of Agault, Battery, Wounding, Imprisonment, ment, or any of them within one year next after the end of this present Sesson of Parliament, or within four years next after the cause of such Actions or Suit, and not after: And the said Action upon the Case sor Words, within one year after the end of this present Sesson of Parliament, or within two years next after the words

spoken, and not after.

Which map be presented before the Justices of Amze, Nisi prius, Goal Deliners, and Oyer & Terminer or of the Peace, shall be Profectuted only in the County where the Offences were committed, and not elsewhere (except for Reculancy, Maintenance, Champerty, buying of Citles, concealing of Customs, or Transporting of Gold, Silver, Munition, Wool, Woolfells or Leather.)

Upon default of proving that the Offence was committed in the same County where the Action is said, the Defendant hall be

found not guilty.

The Stat. 31 Eliz. 5. Extends not to an Action of Information by the Party grieved, for he may bring it in any County, Allens

Case Mich. 40 Eliz. Cro. 645.

All Suits for using a Trade not having been an Apprentice thereto seven pears, wall be heard and determined in the Quarter Sessons or Assess of the County, &c. and not out of it, Stat. 31 Eliz. 5.

And my further Advice is, That every person be careful to buy no Silver Work but what is

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head, or I pon, or both; and also the Booker's mark be set on all manner of Dessels, and all manner of Distes, and all manner of Distes for Swoods, and Buckles (for Girdles and Belts) and other Harness of Silver; and also the Workers mark on all other sorts of Silver Works what soever (except as a foresaid) and if that proves naught, recompence is easily had; either of the Company, if marked with their Marks (which by reason of the care taken therein are not set on Silver, worse than Standard, in compass of my Experience,) or the Maker or Seller by his Mark will be easily found out whereby to obtain recompence of him.

And in case of haste, where the Buyer cannot stay for the Companies Marks, I advise him to take care that he know the Workman to be able and honest, and his mark upon every part of the Work that is wrought asunder, and afterwards

soddered together as aforesaid.

The Intent thereof is, that the Buyer should take care that the Worker and Seller be Honest; then there will be the less sear of being cheated: But if the Work happen amiss, unknown to the Maker, by ill Servants or the like, and he be only Honest, and not Able; how then will the recompence be made? But if he be both Able and Honest, his Honest Inclinations with his Ability of Purse, will never suffer the wronged person to go without satisfaction.

It is queried, Whether it be lawful for a Gold-smith, or other Trader in Goldsmiths Works, to Sell, Exchange or Barter Gold or Silver Works that is worse than Standard, if he take no more

for the Mettal then 'tis worth: Or for a Gold-smith to work it, if it be brought by the person that is to receive it again when wrought up into Wares; or to work it when 'tis bespoke so to be by the person that will receive it when so made up; or (it being the Traders own) to keep it in the Shop or other place where the Goldsmiths works are usually exposed to Sale.

The Solution hercof, is of great concern to the Reformation, for therein is comprehended the grand creeping holes of all Dissenters: Therefore I offer (with all its Circumstances) to the serious consideration of the Shop-keepers and Workmen, and all other persons concerned, this my answer, which is by way of Caution and Advice.

That it is Positively against the Laws afore recited, for a Goldsmith to Shape or Fashion Gold or Silver that is worse than Standard into any fort of Work, and the same Workmanship to Sell, expose to Sale, Exchange or Barter; And all such Works be utterly unlawful, and therefore not to be Sold, exposed to Sale, Exchanged or Bartered by any Trader therein, under any pretence or colour whatsoever, be it for the just value, or more or less. And if the Worker do receive Course Gold or Silver to Work for another, and is only payed for the Fashion; or the Course Gold or Silver being his own, do receive but the just value thereof, and any thing above that for the Workmanship; yet such Metal and Workmanship being Sold or Bartered, if it happen to be questioned, both the Maker and Seller will be lyable, and may be punished as the Laws appoint.

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For although the first Buyer, or Receiver-Shopkeeper, may not be cheated, yet its too true that fuch false Works will by him be sold or Bartered to the Wearer in the stead or name, and for the price of good and lawful Gold or Silver-Works: Therefore to prevent all Consequential Deceits in these Cases, the Laws are positive, that no Gold or Silver worse than Standard, shall be wrought, shaped or fashioned into any manner of Goldsmiths works whatsoever; and (having any the least of Fashion or Workmanship, fit for the use it was made) be Sold, put to fale, exchanged, or bartered by any Trader therein, under any pretence or colour whatsoever. See the afore cited Statutes 28 Ed. 1. 20. 37 Ed. 3. 7. 2 Hen. 6. 14. 18. Eliz. 15.

The best Excuse that can be made in these cases is, That such course Work is for the bringers or bespeakers own wearing: If that be true, the danger is the less, because the Worker lyes open only to one; But his Wisdom would be the greater,

not to lay himself open to any.

And if any such unlawful Works (either new or old) do happen to be bought, or received in barter, by the Worker or Shopkeeper in the way of their Trades. The securest course to prevent danger therein, is to immediatly spoil and deface the Fashion or Workmanship thereof, and then the Wardens or Surveyers have no Authority to Seize it in their Search; and the Selling, exposing to Sale, Exchanging or Bartering such Metal without Workmanship is positively lawful.

Upon what is here declared, It is hoped no persons will suffer themselves to be deluded with

the pretences of the Seller of unmarked and su-

spected Silver Work, (viz.)

That the Work will not Bear the Marks as before is mentioned; for 'tis manifest and well known by great experience, That all Silver Works comprehended under the name of Vessels, and under the name of Harnels, (Hilts for Swords and Buckles being included under that denomination) will bear the Marks appointed with as much conveniency as need to be defired, for the Vessels are generally marked with the bigger Marks aforesaid without exception; and for Silver Hilts and Buckles, (wherein the difficulty is supposed to lie) the Company have small Marks made on purpose for them, and the Work being first marked by the Worker with marks of Inkthus (0) on every place where the Workman thinks it most convenient to bear the Companies Marks; And the hollow Work being filled with Lead, (which is afterwards to be melted out again) the Wardens will, or may, some on the Anvil, and some on other Lead which is put into a Vice for that purpose, strike their Marks on those places, both of wrought and plain Work, without defacing or hurting the same.

Nor need any person be deluded by pretence that the Workmen have not time to get it marked at Goldsmiths Hall; when if the Work be carried to the Office on any of the Assay-dayes afore said, before the hour of Nine in the Morning, they may (if it be good Silver) have it out ready marked at 6 of the Clock, or before in the Asternoon of the same day.

Nor by pretence that the Work will be so abused

abused by the striking thereon the Companies Marks, that it cannot be finished Workman-like, or that more Silver will be detained from the Workmen than the allowance of four Grains out of every pound weight of Work.

Nor by the pretence that the Servants of the Companies Officers will abuse the bringer or owner of the Work either in word or demeanour, though some have been too rude and malapert.

These indeed are principal (though vain) excuses for not bringing their Works for the Companies Marks: for certain it is the Wardens will not allow, but severely reprehend their Officers and Servants that shall abuse any person or Work whatsoever; or results or neglect to make, or return the Assays as before is mentioned; or not return all the Silver with the Work, except the allowance aforesaid.

And if the Wardens refuse or neglect to set their Marks on Silver Work that is Standard, or do not set them as they ought; or if they or their Officers or Servants shall do any dammage to the Work by striking the Marks, or refuse to make and report the Assays as aforesaid; or shall detain any Silver from the Workmen above the allowance of four grains out of every pound weight of Work, an Action well lies against them; and they are besides by Law otherwise punishable, and compellable to strike their Marks as Workman-like on the Work as the Maker strikes his own Mark thereon: and also to perform all other things according to the trust reposed in them: and for neglect or abuse thereof, their Franchises may be seized into the Kings hapd.

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The truth is, the ready and careful making and returning the Assays, and marking and returning the Work is of so great concern, that is it be neglected, and the Workmen thereby discouraged, they will make any shift rather than bring their Works to be there approved; and then by consequence fall to working as course Gold and Silver as (by their subtilties) they can put off, to the unskilful.

Nor let the Buyer suffer himself to be deluded at any time upon pretence that Standard Gold or Silver is too soft, and not so serviceable as that which is courser; for that pretence is vain: and tis well known by great experience (to the honor of the contrivers of that Allay) that both Gold and Silver of the Standard goodness well wrought into any sorts of Wares, is in every respect, better and more serviceable than a courser Allay.

For Instance, in some particular Works on which

.* Collets of Rings are the thin Plates that encompass and faiten the Stones; which being made of Gold or Silver worfe than Standard, will not cloze, but spring from the Stones, and thereby endanger their falling out; but if made of Standard, will comply, and closely clinch, and joyn to the Stones, and the work will be more compleat, and the Stones more securely preserved.

those idle pretences are generally grounded; as Gold-Rings of all forts, with Stones and without, and *Collets of Rings, and all other Jewels whatsoever; and Gold and Silver Watch-Cases, and such like works: for all which I do further afsert, that the honest and ingenious Artists or Workers of these Works, and of all other forts of Gold and Silver Works whatsoever, will avouch the truth of my Afsertion;

fertion; and if questioned upon the same before a Court of Judicature, they will not, neither dare they swear the contrary; but that both Gold and Silver of the Standard goodness well and Work-man-like wrought into any forts of Rings, Jewels, and any other forts of Goldsmiths Works what-soever, is for decency, credit, and Service, and in every other respect whatsover, better than a courser Allay, which most times by reason of the adulteration is found in the wearing not only of a cankering and stinking nature, and a brassie com-

plexion, but very brittle and rotten.

The truth is, the gains by adulterating the Gold and Silver Works is so sweet and enticing, that what excuse will not these Adulterers find, that they may have their unlawful liberty. I remember, that when Silver Hilts were first taken notice of to be so exceedingly adulterated, and debased, it was the pretence of many of the Workers, that Sterling would not run into Hilts to make good work; and therefore they must of necessity make them courser; and to my knowledge Sterling was delivered to a Worker to make a Hilt; and because he would not thereby betray or prevent the dishonest gains in such Works, he gave it a half-heat; by which, and some other means, it became detective, and unfit for use: and so he returned the Silver as too fine to make fuch Works. Which I coming to understand, set to the work my self, and made Sterling run into the most difficult sort of Hilts, without any defect in the Work, and as serviceable as Iron; upon which I gave out, that this was a new Invention; and being so consistent with the Laws, I would H 2 Peti-

Petition his Majesty for the sole making of Sterling-Hilts for fourteen years: which the rest of the Silver-Hilt-makers hearing of, every one then could, and did, make Sterling into all sorts of Hilts in every respect better than the Silver of a courser Allay. So every evil disposed Goldsmith will make a hundred false pretences to continue their cheat-ing gains. But if the honest Workers of Standard would but joyn together, and make but the least attempt for a Patent to have the sole Working of all Gold and Silver Works that are so much talked of, that they cannot be made of Standard, so decent and serviceable, as of a courser Allay; I dare aver, that then you would find every Worker can and will make all their Works of Standard (as the Laws require) without such frivolous scruples or pretences, rather than to be put by their Trades;)
but if there should be any sort of Works that cannot (for the conveniency desired) be made, but of Gold or Silver courser than the Standard-Allay, such Works are not to be made, but wholly omitted as things directly repugnant to our Laws.

Neither let the pretence of the Seller of adulterated Wares delude you, (viz.) That he abates as much in the Fashion as the Silver is allayed worse than Standard; when 'tis well known, that most times for every six-pence he abates in the fashion of such course Silver Works, he gains one shilling six-pence, or two shillings, or more

by the Allay in such work.

Or by his promise, that he will at any time allow five shillings the ounce for the Silver again, though it be broken to pieces: For by experience it is evident, that very few Silver Wares come again

again to be fold to the same hand, many being either kept to posterity, or transferred by gift; and if necessity induce a sale, it is most commonly in some place remote from the place where it was bought. and then they must take what they can get for it; which (if unmarked Wares) will not be more than 'tis worth.

Neither let the wearing Buyer suffer himself to be deluded at any time by pretence of those that are only buyers and sellers of Goldsmiths Works, that they buy and receive all their new Silver Works for Standard, when 'tis too frequent that their meanings are, that the money they paid for it is Standard, and know the Works to be much worse..

Or that they give a Standard price for all their new Silver Works, when 'tis too frequent, that the value of the Metal and Workmanship are both included to make up that sum by the ounce: then it may well be imagined what fort of Silver that must be, and how necessary it is for the wearer to observe the rules I direct in buying either Gold or Silver Works.

I have made but little mention of Gold Wares, and of the provision made, to prevent deceit therein, because Gold Wares are much less common than Silver Wares; I shall therefore only propose, that by the same ways and method by which you make discovery of the goodness or badness of Silver, you may also make discovery of the goodness or badness of Gold, and recover recompence if wronged, and punish the Offenders; only with this difference, (viz.)

That as the whitest Silver is the best, so the H 3 Gold

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Gold of the deepest yellow is the best; and the more the Gold inclining to a red or a pale yel-

low, 'tis so much the courser.

And as the Assay-Master in his Reports of the goodness of Silver; sets it down by half-penny weights, and penny weights, and ounces Troy; so in his report of a Gold Assay he sets it down by Carracts and Carract-grains, and half Grains, and

quarter Grains.

For the understanding of which you are to know, that Carract is a term given (by the Ofticers of the Mint, and the Wardens of the Goldsmiths) to a certain composition of weights, that are only used for Assaying and computing the Standard of Gold, and contains either the twenty fourth part of a pound Troy, or the twenty fourth part of an ounce Troy, and are compounded thus, (viz.) of the pound Carracts, two penny weight and twelve grains Troy make a Carract-grain; four of such Carract-grains make one Carract (which is half an ounce, or ten penny weight Troy) and twenty four of such Carracts make one pound, or twelve ounces Troy: And of ounce Carracts, five Troy-grains make one Carract-grain, and four of such Carract-grains make one Carract, and twenty four such Carracts make one ounce Troy.

These two sorts of Carracts are to one effect in Assaying and Computing the Standard of Gold: for if you calculate the Assay-masters reports by the pound-Carracts, you must cast up the value of a pound weight of Standard-Gold, which suppose to be 48 1. and out of that sum take so many 24th. parts, that is,40 s. each part) as he reports

the number of Carracts that it is worse; and after that rate for every grain and half grain; and for every Carract of this sort that it is reported worse, you must also deduct 4 s. for charge, and for every grain of this sort 1s. charge, and for half a grain 6 d charge for work, and loss, to make it of Standard goodness: all which being taken out of the 48 l. divide the remainder into twelve parts, every of which part is the value of an ounce of the

course Gold. For example.

In the Copper cut aforesaid is a Gold Assay reported by the Assay master, worse two Carracts three Grains: First cast up the value of a pound of Standard Gold at 48 l. then count what two Carracts three Grains of such Gold is worth, which is 5 l. 10 s. to which add the 4 s per Carract, and one shilling per Grain for charge, which is 11 s. all which comes to 6 l. 1 s. which take out of the 48 l. and there remains 41 l. 19 s. which divide into twelve parts, every of which parts or ounces of such course Gold will be worth 3 l. 9 s. 11 d. which is 10 s. 1 d. worse than Standard Gold, as in the Copper Cut aforesaid.

If you calculate the reports by onnce Carracts; First, consider the value of an ounce of Standard Gold, which suppose to be 4 l. then out of that sum take so many 24th. parts (that is 3 s. 4 d. the part) as the Assay Master reports the number of Carracts that its worse, and after that rate for every grain and half grain, and for so many Carracts (of this sort) that its reported worse, you must also deduct 4 d. for charge of work and loss to make it of Standard goodness, and for every Grain 1 d. and for half a grain ob. For example.

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In the Copper Cut aforesaid, the Gold Assay being reported worse two Carracts three Grains; first count the value of an ounce of Standard Gold at 41. then count what two Carracts three Grains is worth (at that rate) which is 9 s. 2 d. to which add the 4 d. per Carract, and 1 d. per Grain for charge, which is 11 d. all which comes to 10 s. 1 d. which take out of the 4 l. the remainder is 3 l. 9 s. 11 d. the value of an ounce of such course Gold, which is 10 s. 1 d. worse than Standard Gold; as in the Copper Cut.

The calculation of the Assay-Masters Reports by the pound Carracts, being the harder way, I advise the use of the ounce-Carracts before the

other.

So that if Standard Gold be worth four pound the Ounce, for every Cararct he fets down 'tis worse, you must account that in the Ounce Troy 'tis worse by so many times 3 s. 8 d. And for every grain he sets down 'tis worse, you must account it worse by so many times 1 1 d in the Ounce Troy. And for every demy or half grain, 5d ob. for so much it will cost to make it of Standard goodness, or to change it for Standard.

And further you are to know, That twenty and two of the aforesaid Carracts of the finest Gold, and two Carracts of fine Copper and Silver equal parts, makes an Ounce or a Pound of Gold of the Allay, appointed (by the Stat. 18 Eliz. 15. afore cited, by these words (to wit) not less in finencies, than that of twenty two Carracts) to be the Standard for all Gold Wares, (worse than which Allay no Gold Wares are to be made, upon the penalty therein mentioned.)

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And that 12 Grains Troy is enough for making an Assay of Gold: The accustomed Fee for making

such Assay at Goldsmiths-hall is 6 d.

But if any shall be dis-saitssied with the Assayings and reports of the Assay-Master of Gold-smiths-Hall, or shall receive any discourteous words; or be discouraged by any uncivil demeanour in him or his Servants, may have Assayes made by His Majesties sworn Assay-Master of his Mint in the Tower of London, who has been often experienced to have Carefully, Courteously, Readily, and Truly, performed the same; his Fee for a Gold Assay is 1 s. and for a Silver Assay 6 d. And he will make his reports in the same manner with numeral Letters, as the Assay-master of Goldsmiths-hall.

Concerning Silver Work made remote from London, I shall only insert, that it is to be observed; That by the first recited Statute, all the Goldsmiths in England, were appointed to bring all their Silver Work (comprehended under the name of Vessels) to London, to be there Assayed and Marked with the Leopards Head; but the compelling thereof, under such great penalties as are therein mentioned, was found to be a grievance: Therefore by the Statute of 2 Hen. 6. 14. for the better conveniency of the Goldsmiths remote from London, Seven places are appointed wherein such Work shall be assayed and marked, viz.

York, Newcastle upon Tine, Lincoln, Norwich, Bristow, Salisbury, and Coventry.

And as the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, London,

are to assay and mark the Silver Work that is made in and about London, and three miles of the same, or to procure an Artist to do the same, (for which they must answer) so, in every one of the aforesaid Seven several places, the Chief Magistrate or Governor is to assay and mark the Silver Work that is made therein, or to procure an Artist to do the same, (for which they must also answer.)

But what are the particular Marks the respective chief Governors of those seven places set on the Silver works, I can give no certain account thereof.

But this I can assert, that by reason the Marks of those places are little known, they bear as little Credit; and therefore the Goldsmiths in those and other remote places, do frequently send up their Silver Works to receive the London Touch.

And in like manner, as every Master-worker in Goldsmiths Works in London, and 3 miles compass of the same, are to make their Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, so every Master-Worker in Gold and Silver in every of the said seven places, are to make their Marks known to the Surveyors there (that is) to the Chief Magistrate of such Place.

And every Master-worker in Goldsmiths Work in all other places throughout England, are by the Statute of 37Ed.3.7. (afore cited) not only to have their proper Marks, but also to make the same Marks known to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, by entring them on the Table in the Goldsmiths Alsay-Office as afore is shewn: The words of the Statute to this purpose are these (to wit.)

That Goldsmiths, as well in London as elsewhere within this Realm, shall make, &c. And every

every Master Goldsmith, shall have a Apark by himself, and the same Apark shall be known by them, which shall be Assgned by the King to Survey their work and Alslay,&c. And that which shall be in the Goldsmiths default, they shall incur the pain of Forseiture to the King the value of the Apetal which shall be found in default.

(That is to say) the Master-Goldsmiths in each of the seven Touch Towns, shall make their Marks known to the chief Magistrates there; the King having Assigned them power by their Charters to Survey the Gold and Silver Works that are

made in those places.

And the King having Affigned to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths of the City of London, full power and Authority by their Charter; to Survey all Gold and Silver Works in all places whatsoever throughout England: Therefore the Workers in the seven Touch Towns are to make their Marks known both to the chief Magistrate in each of those Towns where they reside; And also to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths aforesaid: And also ther Master Goldsmiths throughout England, to make their Marks known (as aforesaid) to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths upon the Penalty of forseiting the value of the Silver-Work not marked with the Makers mark, or marked with a mark not so made known as aforesaid.

Now since (through the Favour of our Kings Predecessors and their Parliaments) the Gold-smiths in those seven Touch Towns are remitted those extremities of bringing their Vessels of Silver to London to be stamped with the Leopards-

head, but are allowed each of them a Touch by themselves to pass their Works upon. It behooves the chief Magistrate and the Goldsmiths in those places to be circumspect and careful, not only in Assaying and Marking the Works, and also to search for, suppress and prevent the Working and Selling any kind of Gold or Silver Work in those places, that is worse than the Standard: But also (as the Leopards-head and Lyon are generally known to be the Standard Marks for the City of London) to use some means that it may be as generally known what are the respective Standard Marks of these places; to the end, that nothing may be neglected that may prevent Fraud in this kind; which will secure these Corporations from having their Charters called in question, and of being disfranchised for their neglect herein, and the Goldsmiths and othersellers of their Works from being called in question, for the transgressions of making or selling unlawful. Goldsmiths works.

And for the fake of you the wearing-buyers of Goldsmiths Works, that reside in the Country or remote from London: I will cite you this observation worthy your notice (to wit) that by reason the Magistrates in the seven Touch Towns have been and now are very remiss in prosecuting their Authority in making search and Assaying and marking the Goldsmiths Work, and that the Wardens of the Goldsmiths London, do very seldom make search in the Country. Great part of the Gold and Silver Works (especially the small-works) made and sold remote from London, are notoriously known to be exceedingly Adul-

Adulterated and debased, and great part of what is made by the London Workers and sent into the Country to the Traders there, are as notoriously known to be as bad as any.

This deceit seems to take the more courage, by reason also of the Country peoples unskilsulness, and the difficulty of proceeding in course of Law

against these Country Offenders.

Wherefore my advice is, that you buy these Works at London only, (unless they have on them the London Touch) either your self or by some friend that lives there, or frequently comes thither; and if any deceit be found in such works, there be the Wardens of the Goldsmiths to complain to, who will assist you; there are the Assay-Masters to make your Asiays and give evidence of the value of the Metal; there is the Sessions in London, and at Hixes-ball, and the Courts at Westminster, that will understand your agrivance, and give you recompence, and punish the Offenders suitable to the offence and the ill consequences thereof; but you will find it very chargeable to Prosecute a Country Offender in the Country, if you be necessitated to have the Testimony of the Assay-Master of Goldsmiths-hall, or the Assay-Master of the Tower of London.

But if the fustices and fury in the Country, Jeeing the cheat apparent (by the difference (from Standard on the Toach-stone) will insist upon no further evidence, as to the value of the Metal, but find the Offenders guilty (which I conceive may be done very suitable to fustice) it will much facilitate the Prose-

cution.

That the Tryal of these Offenders in the Coun-

try may become the more practicable: I will here direct an infallible method and rule by an Instrument for the certain knowing (within three pence or less in the Ounce) the just difference that any sort of Silver is from Standard, without the Assaying it by Fire.

The manner of making the Instrument is thus.

Make several Needles of Silver Wier, (each of them about four Inches long, and as big as a large Pack-needle) of several worseness in Allay; as one Needle 3 d. another 6 d. another 9 d another 1 s. another 1 s. 3 d another 1 s. 6 d. in the Ounce worse then Standard Silver, and as many degrees lower as you please; make them all with Loops at one end, and put them on a ring of Silver Wier, and upon every Needle (being flatted on one place;) make or mark with Figures the value (by the Ounce) of each Needle, reckoning Standard Silver at 5 s. the Ounce Troy: And observe, that the Allay in each Needle be half fine Copper, and half fine Brass, and being all made with blunt smooth points: First rub your course Silver on a good fmooth clean Touch-stone, as afore is directed; then by it rub one of your Needlesthat you think is nearest the Allay of your course Silver, and if that be not like it, try another, and so several of the Needles, untill you find the Touch of your Needle, and the Touch of your course Metal to be alike; then you have the Price of that Allay Marked on the Needle.

This Instrument may be made to contain in weight under two Ounces; and if ingeniously

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made and managed, will make a discovery very near of the badness of any sort of Adulterated Silver.

The like Instrument may be made of small pieces of Gold of several Allays fixed at the ends of Needles of Silver, for the knowing the worseness of any fort of Gold.

It is not material to know the just value of the Adulterated Silver to the Scrutiny of one Penny in the Ounce to proceed to convict the Offenders, but if it be apparently worse than Standard, the Offenders ought to be found guilty and punished according to the uttermost Severity of the Law. See all the before recited Statutes for regulating the Goldsmiths Trade.

.Examples of the Allays of Silver to make the afore said Needles (viz.)

dwt. g	grs.	
9 1	12 Of Sterling Silver, and) These well melted
0	6 Of Copper, and——	together will be 3 d.
0	6 Of Sterling Silver, and 6 Of Copper, and 6 Of Brass	than Standard.
dwt.	grs.	
9	o Of Sterling Silver, and	These well melted
O I	2 Of Copper, and —	together will be 6
o I	o Of Sterling Silver, and 2 Of Copper, and 2 Of Brass.	than Standard.
dwt. g	grs.	
8 1	2 Of Sterling Silver, and	These well melted
0 1	8 Of Copper, and	together will be 9 d.
0 I	Of Sterling Silver, and 8 Of Copper, and 8.0f Brass.	in the Ounce worse than Standard.

And so by such degrees of a penny weight of Allay in the ounce you may compose several Allays for 4. 6. 8. 10 12. 14. or 16. Needles differing three pence in the value of each Needle by the ounce; and the surest way is, when the Needles are all made, to have a distinct Assay made of each Needle, and that reported goodness marked on every of them.

Here followeth the Goldsmiths CHARTER truly rendred into English from the Copy thereof taken from the Record now remaining in the Chappel of the Rolls, under the Title Confirmation, Part 2: Number 4. Confirmed in the second year of King Tames.

THE KING to all to whom, &c. sendeth Greeting. We have perused and seen the Letters Patents of Consirmation of our most Dear Sister the Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, made in these words; Elizaheth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these present Letters Patents shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of the Lady Mary, late Queen of England, our most Dear Sister, made in these words, Mary by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth over the English and Irish Church the Supreme Head, To all to whom these presents

shall come, Greeting.

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We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our dear Brother Edward the Sixth, late King of England, made in these words, Edward the Sixth by the Grace of God of England, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and on Earth over the English and Irish Church Supreme Head, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our most dear Father Henry the Eighth, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in these words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Confirmation of our most dear Father Henry the Seventh, late King of England of Famous Memory, made in these words, Henry by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

Know ye, That we have perused the Letters Fatents of Edward the Fourth, late King of England, made in these words, Edward by the Grace of God King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.

We have perused the Letters Patents of Edward the Third, sate King of England, our Progenitor, made in these words,

Edward by the Grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aguitain,

tain, To all to whom these present Aetters

hall come, Gzecting. Our well beloved the Goldsmiths of our City of London, by their Petition exhibited to Us and Our Council in Our Parliament holden at Westminster after the Feast of the Purification of our Lady last past, have sewn,

That whereas no pzihate Merchant no; Stranger heretofoze were wont to bzing into this Land any Money Coined, but Plate of Silver to exchange fozour Coin.

And that it had bæn also ozdained, That all those who were of the Goldsmiths Trade were to at in their Shops in the High Stræt of Cheap, and that no Silver in Plate, noz Dessel of Gold oz Silver ought to be sold in the City of London, except at Our Exchange, oz in Cheapside among the Goldsmiths, and that publickly, to the end the persons of the said Trade might inform themselves whether the Beller came law fully by such Deffel oz not.

But that now of late the said Merchants as well private as Strangers, do bring from Fozeign Countries into this Pation Counterfeit Sterling, whereof the pound is not worth above Arteen Sols of the right Sterling; and of this Money none can know the true Dalue, but by melting it

down.

And also that many of the said Trade of Goldsmiths kap Shops in obscure turnings, and by-Lanes and Streets, and do bup Destels

of Gold and Silver secretly, without enquiring if such Desel were stoln, or lawfuldly come by, and immediately melting it down, do make it into Plate, and sell it to Merchants Trading beyond Sea, that it may be exported, and so they make false Work of Gold and Silver, as Bracelets, Nockets, Kings, and other Jewels; in which they set Glass of divers Colours, Counterseiting right Stones, and put more Allay in the Gold and Silver than they ought, which they sell to such as have noskill in such things.

And that the Cutlers in their Work-houses cover Tin with Silver so subtilly, and with such sleight, that the same cannot be discerned and severed from the Tin; and by that incans they sell the Tin so covered for sine Silver, to the great damage and deceit of

Us and Our People.

Whercupon the said Goldsmiths have Petitioned Us, That We would be pleased

to apply convenient remedy therein.

And we being willing to prevent the said evil, Do by and with the Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of our Kealm for the Common profit of Us and Our People, Will and grant for Us, and Our Peirs,

That hencesoyth no Merchant, either pzicoate or Stranger, shall bring into this Land any sort of Money, but only Plate of silver; nor that any Gold or Silver wrought by Goldsmiths, or any Plate of Silver

Silver be sold to the Merchant to sell again, and be carried out of the Kingdom, but shall be sold at Our said Exchange, or openly among the said Goldsmiths for prispate use only.

And that none that pretend to be of the same Trade hall kép any Shop but in Cheapside, that it may be sæn that their

Mozk be good and right.

And that those of the said Trade map by birtue of these presents elect honest, lawful and sufficient men best skilled in the said Trade, to enquire of the matters asoresaid; and that they so chosen map upon due consideration of the said Crast, resorm what defeas they shall find therein, and thereup on institute punishment upon the Offensters, and that by the help and assistance of the Ndapor and Sheriffs, it occasion be,

And that in all Crading Citics and Towns in England where Goldiniths reside, the same Ordinance be observed as in London; and that one or two of every such City or Town for the rest of that Crade shall come to London to be ascertained of their Touch of Bold, and there to have a Stamp of a Punchion with a Leopards-Head marked upon their Mork, as of ancient time it has been ordained. In witness whereof we have caused these Our Actters to be made Patents. Given at Westminster the Thirtieth day of March, in the sirst year of our Acign.

We have also perused the Letters Patents of Richard

Richard the Second after the Conquest, late King of England, made in these words, Richard by the Grace of God King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these presents

shall come, Greeting; Know ye,

That whereas Edward our Grandfather, late King of England, at the Suit of the Goldsmiths of our City of London, suggesting to him, how that many of that Trade by Fire and the Enoke of Quicksilver had lost their sight, and that others of them by their working in that Trade became so crazed and insirm, that they were disabled to sub-

fist, but by relief from others.

And that divers of the said City compassionating the condition of such, were disposed to give and grant divers Tenements and Rents in the said City to the value of Twenty pounds per ann. to the Company of the said Crast, towards the maintenance of the said Blind, Weak, and Infirm; and also of a Chaplain to celebrate Mass amongst them every day for the Souls of all the Faithful departed, according to the Ordinance in that behalf to be made, Did by his Letters Patents for the consideration of a Fine of Ten Marks, for himself and his Heirs, as much as in him lay, grant and give license to the men of the Community aforesaid, that they may purchase Tenements and Rents in the same City of the value of Twenty pounds per ann. and not above of the Men of that City, for relief and maintenance of such blind and infirm, and of such Chaplain as aforesaid, to hold to them and their Successors of the said Society for ever, for the purposes asoresaid, The Statute of Mortmaine, or any other Statute

or Ordinance to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, as in and by the said Letters Patents

more fully and at large it may appear.

And forasmuch as the Men of the said Mystery have humbly Petitioned Us, That forasmuch as our Grandsathers said Letters Patents are not, nor can be put in execution for want of naming Persons capable therein, That we would graciously provide some remedy for them in this behalf. We taking the Premisses into Consideration, of Our especial Grace, and for the consideration of twenty Marks by them paid unto Us in Our Hanaper,

Have for Us and Our Heirs, granted and given License to the men of the said Crast, That from hencesorth they be a perpetual Community or

Society of themselves.

And that the said Society or Company may for ever yearly Elect out of themselves sour War bens to oversee, rule, and duly govern the said Crast, and Community, and every Member of of the same.

And further, We have according to Our Authority in this behalf granted and given License for Us and Our Heirs to the same Wardens and Company, That they may purchase and have to them and their Successors, Tenements and Rents, with their Appurtenances, within the said City and Suburbs thereof to the value of Twenty pounds per ann. for the maintenance of the blind, weak, and infirm Men of the Company aforesaid, and of a Chaplain to Celebrate Mass amongst the said Insirm every day, for the Souls of all the Faithful departed, for ever, according to such Ordinance, as the same Wardens and Company shall

shall make in this behalf, (the said Statute, or the Statute in that case made in Our last Parliament at Westminster, notwithstanding) or notwithstanding that the said Tenements and Rents be held of Us in Free Burgage, so that it be found by Inquisition thereupon duly had and returned into our Chancery, that such purchase may be made without any dammage or prejudice to Us and Our Heirs, or any other person whatsoever. In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Winchester the Sixth day of February, in the Sixteenth Year of our Reign.

And We ratifying and allowing the said Letters Patents, and all and every thing therein contained, do for Us and Our Heirs, according to Our. Power in that behalf, Approve and Confirm the same, and do by these presents Grant and Confirm the same unto our Well-beloved the now Wardens and Company of the said Crast, and their

Successors for ever.

And of Our further Grace in this behalf, We for Us and Our Heirs, have granted to the same Wardens and Company, That notwithstanding they or their Predecessors have not hitherto upon any occasion in any sort used the Liberties in the said Letters Patents contained, Yet henceforth it shall be lawful for them and their Successors to Use and Enjoy the said Liberties and every of them, without any Lett or Impediment by or from Us or Our Heirs, or any of Our Justices, Escheators, Mayors, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, or other Our Ministers wheresoever.

And We have further granted, and by these presents

presents, do for Us and Our Heirs grant to the said now Wardens and Company of the Crast aforesaid; That they and their Successors be a Corporation or Body Incorporate, consisting and called by the Names of Wardens and Company, and be persons capable in Law-to purchase and take Lands and Tenements, Rents and other Possessions whatsoever, for ever in Fee-simple of any persons whomsoever that shall be willing to Give, Devise, or Assign the same to them.

Wardens and Company of the said Crast, and

their Successors for ever.

And that they may and shall have perpetual Succession, and a Common Seal for the Affairs of their said Mystery.

And that they may by the name of the Wardens and Company of the Mystery of Goldsmiths of the City of London, Implead and be Impleaded in any Court and place whatsoever, before any Judges whomsoever, in any Actions, Suits, Plaints, Demands and Pleas as well real as personal, or mixt of what nature or kind soever they be.

And that the said Wardens and Company and their Successors may from time to time as often as they shall judge it expedient, make good and reasonable By-Laws and Ordinances for the bet-

ter regulating the said Mystery.

We have also granted, and by these presents do grant to the said now Wardens and Company and their Successors, That they may have and hold to them and their Successors for ever, all and singular the Lands, Tenements, Rents, Reversions and Services heretofore given, granted or devised

wardens of the Mystery aforcsaid, or to the Wardens or Guardians and Company of the Mystery aforesaid, by the Name of the Wardens and Company of the said Mystery, or by the Names of the Company of the said Mystery, or by what other Name soever or heretofore in any manner purchased by the Wardens aud Company of the said Mystery, or by the Company of the said Mystery, without Impeachment, Disturbance or Lett by or from Us or Our Heirs, or by or from Our Justices, Sheriss, Escheators, or other the Officers and Ministers of Us and Our Heirs whomsoever.

And we do hereby ratifie and confirm all and every the same Lands and Tenements, Rents, Reversions and Services to the said now Wardens

and Company, and their Successors.

And for the Credit of the Men of the said Crast dwelling and residing in the said City for the time being, and for the preventing and avoiding the dammage and loss which do or may daily happen and arise as well to Us as to any our Liege People, for want of a due and provident Care in regulating certain of Our Subjects and others Using and Exercising the said Trade, without any regard to the Credit of the said Company; and also for the preventing and taking away the Subtleties and Deceits prastifed in the said Trade.

We have further granted, and by these Presents do grant to the said now Wardens and Company and their Successors for ever, That the Wardens of the said Mystery for the time being, shall and may for ever have the search, inspection, tryal, and regulation of all sorts of Gold and Silver, wrought or to be wrought, and to be exposed to

fale within the City of London and the Suburbe thereof, and in all Fairs and Markets, and all Cities, Towns, and Burroughs, and all other places what soever throughout our Kingdom of England, and also shall and may have power to punish and correct all defects that shall be found in the working of Gold and Silver.

And to that end, if need be, to call to their affistance the Mayor and Sheriffs of the said City, and the Mayors and Bailiffs, or other Officers whatever in any Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places out of the said City where any such Search or Tryal shall happen to

be made.

And that the Wardens of the said Mystery for the time being shall and may have full Power and Authority for ever by themselves or any of them, duly to search and try all and singular the premisses, and also all manner of Work touching and concerning the said Crast, sound or being in the hands of the Goldsmiths, or any other whomsoever selling, making or working any Wares or Works pertaining to or concerning the said Mystery, as well within Our said City of London and the Suburbs thereof, as elsewhere out of the said City in all Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs and Towns, and other places whatfoever throughout Our Realm of England; And also by themselves or any of them to break all such deceitful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver of what fort soever, if any such they shall find to be made, wrought and exposed to sale in deceipt of Our People.

And also according to their discretion, and as often

often as they shall see it necessary to punish and correct the Makers, Sellers, and Workers of the same Works according to their demerits, by the assistance (if need be) of our Mayors, Sheriss, Bailiss, Reeves, and other such like Officers.

We also will and grant, and strictly Charge and Command, That all Mayors, Bailists, Reeves, and other Officers whatsoever in Fairs, Markets, Cities, Burroughs, Towns and other places where such Search shall happen to be made, be ready to Aid and Assist the said Wardens and every of them making such Search as aforesaid, in the execution of the premisses, and that in all things according to their Duty. In witness whereof We have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Leicester the thirtieth day of May in the Second Year of Our Reign.

And now We ratifying and approving the said Letters Patents, and all things therein contained, do: for Us and Our Heirs according to our Authority therein, allow the same, and by these presents do ratifie, grant and confirm the same to our Wellbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the

Mystery aforesaid, and their Successors.

And further, We being certainly informed that divers persons both Natives and Aliens, exercising the said Trade in divers parts of this Kingdom, studying and contriving their own dishonest Gain, and purposing by various ways to deceive and endammage the rest of our Subjects, do work and expose to sale Gold and Silver cunningly and deceivefully wrought and debased more than the Standard allows, contrary to the Ordinances in that behalf made.

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And Counterfeit-stones (which are of no value, cunningly set in such kind of Gold and Silver) do daily sell for true Jewels at great rates to divers of our Subjects (not understanding the same) as well in places priviledged, as in Fairs, Markets and other places within our Cities and Burroughs of this our Kingdom of England, and neither sear nor doubt to be punished or call'd in question for the same.

And the reason is, for that due search or any due punishment is seldom executed upon Offenders in that Mystery out of the City aforesaid.

And although the Wardens of that Mystery in the said City for the time being, have (by virtue and power of the aforesaid Letters Patents in form aforesaid granted to them and their Successors) had the search, inspection, tryal, and regulation of the Gold and Silver so wrought and to be wrought, and exposed to Sale, and power by themselves or any of them, to search and try (continually from the aforesaid 30. day of May, in the said Second year of the late King Edward the Fourth hitherto by virtue of his said Letters Patents to them in that behalf made) all such kind of deceitful and fraudulent Works and Wares made and to be made of the Gold and Silver aforesaid of any kind whatsoever.

And the faults and deceits in those Works deceitfully and subtilly contrived or to be contrived by the Workmen and contrivers thereof, to punish and correct, as also to execute and perform such other things as they ought to do by virtue of the aforesaid Letters Patents of the said late King Edward the Fourth.

Nevertheless, as We are informed, That not-withstanding the aforesaid Wardens of the said Mystery for the time being have (ever fince the aforesaid Grants to them and the Company of the said Mystery in form aforesaid made) been at great trouble and charges (as well at their own proper Costs, as at the Costs of the said Company) to put in execution their Authority of searching, inspecting, and trying such kind of Gold and Silver (as is before-mentioned) and the defects therein, so wrought and put to sale by the Workmen of the said Trade in divers of the Cities, Burroughs, Fairs, Markets and other places of this Our Kingdom, for the common Use of Us and of all Our good Subjects.

Yet they have received very little or no profit thereby, but rather have been subject oftentimes not only to pains and perils of their bodies, but also to the loss of their Goods and Chattels by reason and occasion of their searching, trying, and putting in execution their Authority asoresaid, in punishing and correcting the defects of Work up-

on proof thereof made unto them.

By means whereof, and that the said Wardens of late in regard of the great menaces and assaults which they have received from those Workmen and Tradesmen of that Mystery (that deceitfully sell such Gold and Silver in the Countrey) and their Accomplices and Adherents, could not execute their said Authority any where within Our Kingdom of England, except within Our said City of London, and the Suburbs thereof.

So that the said Search, Tryal and Execution of the said Authority ceasing, very many frauds, de-

ceits, Works unskilfully made of Gold and Silver, and of counterfeiting of Jewels in Works of Gold and Silver and otherwise, are daily divers ways increased in the Mystery aforesaid, by the Workmen of the said Trade in every part of this Our Kingdom, to the great loss and detriment of Us,

and all Our Liege People.

And We being willing (all the deceitful infufficient, and unlawful Works and Wares of Gold and Silver, Jewels and Stones, Pearl or Coral, or fuch like, in the Trade aforesaid unsufficiently and unlawfully made and counterfeited used to be put to sale) to abolish and punish in all things as it ought to be, of Our certain knowledge and meer motion, have given and granted for Us and Our Heirs (as much as in Us lies) to the aforesaid Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforesaid, and their Successors.

That the said Wardens and their Successors, and every of them for the time being, shall have for ever sull Power and Authority over all and singular the Desects, Offences, Faults and Deceits made and attempted or committed contraty to the Ordinances of the Mystery aforesaid in all their searches and tryals of Gold and Silver, or of Wares Jewels, Stones, Pearl, Coral, or of any other Jewels or Counterseit Stones whatsoever wrought or set in Gold or Silver, as in Necklaces, Lockets, Rings or Bracelets, or otherwise, howsoever wrought or set, within this our Kingdom of England wheresoever, against the Workmen or Owners of any of the said premisses exposing them to sale.

And all and every persons of or using the said Mystery

Mystery whatsoever so deceitfully working, having, or exposing to sale the premisses assoresaid, (upon due proof made) shall be by the said Wardens for the time being committed to the next Goal or Prison, therein to be punished by Imprisonment of their Bodies according to the nature of their Offences, and out of the said Goals or Prisons to be delivered at the discretions of the said Wardens or any of them; Or be punished by Fines to be set and imposed upon such Delinquents, equal to their Offences, Faults and Deceits, as by the sound Discretions of the said Wardens or any of them for the time being, shall be esteemed just and reasonable, and in that behalf convenient.

We also grant for Us and Our Heirs to the said Wardens and Company, and their Successors; That whensoever, wheresoever, and as often as any Wares of Gold and Silver or Pearl, or of any Counterseit Stones whatsoever, deceitfully, wrought or set in the nature of Jewels or Pearl in Gold or Silver, which by Allays thereof are of less value and more debas'd in the working of the said Gold and Silver then of right it ought to be wrought, (that is to say) not being of the value of Sterling or Standard, (according to the Ordinances and Statutes of Us and our Progenitors or Predecessors late Kings and Queen of England in this behalf made) that shall be found any where as well within any of Our Liberties as without;

Or any Wares of Gold or Silver made within this Kingdom by any Native or Forreign Workmen Tradesmen of the Crast aforesaid wheresoever that shall be sold or exposed to sale (not be-

according to the form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforesaid, that then the said Wardens for the time being, or two of them, shall have power and Authority all and every such Wares of Gold and Silver, Counterseit Stones and Pearls, and other Stones whatsoever (so deceitfully or unlawfully wrought and exposed to sale wheresoever they shall be found) to arrest, seise, and to break and spoil them, so that Our People may

not be any more deceived thereby.

And that in all and every the Searches of the said Wardens and their Successors for the time being, of or in the premisses from time to time in whatsoever places within Three Miles in and about the aforesaid City of London; where any the said Workmen or Tradesmen of the said Crast shall happen to remain, work, or inhabit, the said Wardens or any of them for the time being shall cause to be brought all manner of Works and Wares of Gold and Silver aforesaid, or what Jewels and Precious Stones soever (set in Gold and Silver) are there wrought or to be wrought, to the Common-Hall of the Wardens and Company of the said Mystery being in the asoresaid City of London wherein the Common Standard cr Affize of Gold and Silver (according to the Ordinances in that behalf made) is kept, there to be tryed and assayed, And to be reformed if defects shall be any manner of ways found therein; and after they shall be so reformed, to be there then affirmed for good, and stamped with their Marks which they use for that purpose.

And all defective works whatsoever deceitful-

ly wrought as well of or in Gold as Silver, Counterfeit Stones put for Jewels therein and falily made, (or found to be of a worse Allay than it ought to be) shall there (according to their discretions be utterly condemned, without Accompt or any other charge or Answer to Us or any of Our Heirs for the premisses or any of them to be rendred, made or paid for ever; In witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents: Witness Our Self at Westminster the Third day of February, in the Twentieth Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the said Letters Patents, and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs (as much as in Us lyes) allow the same, and by these presents do Ratisse, Grant and Confirm the same to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery. asoresaid. In witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness. Our self at Westminster the sixteenth day of March,

in the first Year of our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the said Letters Patents and all things therein contained, Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the same, and by these presents do Ratisse; Grant and Confirm the same to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery. asoresaid; In Witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Westminster the Sixth day of June, in the First Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the said Letters Patents and all things therein contained,

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Do for Us and Our Heirs as much as in Us lyes, allow the same, and by these presents do Ratisse, grant and confirm the same to our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery asoresaid. In Witness whereos we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Selfat Westminster the Fifth day of December,

in First Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the faid Letters Patents and all things therein contained, Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the same, and by these presents do ratisse, grant and confirm the same to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforesaid; In Witness whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Self at Westminster the Third day of fannary, in the Third Year of Our Reign.

Now we Ratifying and Approving the said Letters Parents, and all things therein contained; Do for Us and Our Heirs, as much as in Us lyes, allow the same, and by these presents do Ratisse, Grant and Confirm the same to Our welbeloved the now Wardens and Company of the Mystery aforesaid. In Witness whereof, &c. Witness the King at Westminster the Thirtieth day of March, in the Second Year of the Reign of King James

over England, &c.

Hat all Goldsmiths in London, and other Traders in Gold-Smiths Wares, may know how to demean themselves in the Buying and selling those Wares. They are to observe.

1. That in London, every day in the week is a Marketday, except Sunday, and a sale (bonn fide) in

in a Shop therein any day of the week is good.

2. The sale in such Shop must be of things proper to the Trade of the Shop-keeper, and so a sale of Plate in a Scriveners Shop is not good, and

so of every other Trade.

3. If a sale of Plate be in a Goldsiniths Shop (where it is properly to be fold) it must be publickly and open; for if a sale be there of Plate in an inner Shop, or behind a Curtain, or a Cupboard, or such like, or all or any the windows be shut, or any thing else hides it so, that he that passes by cannot readily see what is done there, it will not alter the property: All this was resolved on H. 38. Eliz. Co. 5. 83. Moor's Rep. p. 36. Evefq; de Worchester's Case. Moor's Rep. p. 624.

4. If a sale in a Market overt be covinous, or the party that buys the Goods, knows they were stolen, this sale alters no property, 33 H. 6. 5. Co. 3.78. as the buying any stolen Goods at any great under value, as Standard Plate under 55. the ounce Troy, or other stoln goods for 5 s. which are worth 20 s. or to buy stoln Plate or other Goods at the full value, having notice, or warning, or cause of suspicion, (at or before the sale) that such Goods were stolen, such sale alters not the property, but instead thereof makes the Buyer accessary to the Fellony. See Mr. Cromp, fol. 43.

Note, In that part of the Goldsmiths Charter confirmed by Parliament it is ordained, That nonethat pretend to be of the Goldsmiths Tradeshall kiep any Shop but in Cheapside, which seems to confine the Market Overt (for that

Trade) only to that place.

But the preamble to that part of the Charter being

being confidered, and the extent of the City of London, and the small number of Goldsmiths at that time, it may be collected, that the design by the King and Parliament was, that all the Shopkeeping Goldsmiths in London (which are supposed not then to exceed the number of twenty) should be confined to the High-Street (otherwise called Cheapside, that being then the only High-street in London, and would then conveniently contain so small a number of Goldsmiths) that their living so publickly together might be a means to prevent the deceits in their Trade, which their living in obscure Turnings, and By-Lanes and Streets would increase and promote; and that if the Goldsmiths should (as they are) become very numerous, and the City of London should be extended larger, that then all the Shop-keeping Goldsmiths should keep Shop in, or be confin'd only to the High-Streets of the City and Suburbs thereof, and every Goldsmiths Shop therein, to be (in the legal usage thereof) a Market overt: This seems not to be inconsistent, (but very agreeable) to the meaning of that part of the Charter: And now it is (as then it was) of great concern to the safety of the people, that no Goldsmiths be suffered to keep Shop in obscure Turnings or by-Lanes or Streets; neither in the City of London, nor the Suburbs thereof: for they are not only the grand Receivers of Stolen Plate, but the venders of false, adulter ate, and unlawful Goldsmiths works. And assuredly the sale of stolen Plate in such Shops, be it in the clearest day; and not in the least obscured from the fight of Passengers, alters not the property, but may make the Buyer accessary to the felonious stealing thereof. The

The Goldsmiths ORD ER lately made and set forth for Prevention and Redress of the great Abuses committed in the several Warcs aforementioned.

Goldsmiths-Hall the 23. day of February 1675.

THEREAS Complaint hath bein made to the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths London, That diners small Works, as Buckles for Belts, Silver Hilts, and the pieces thereto belong: ing with divers other small Wares both of Gold and Silver, are frequently wrought and put to sale by divers Goldsmiths and others, worse than Standard, to the abuse of his Majesties good Subjeas, and great discredit of that Manufacure; And that there are also divers pieces of Silver Plate sold, not being Assaved at Goldsmiths-Hall, and so not marked with the Leopards Head Crowned, as by Law the ame ought to be: And whereas the Wardens of the said Company to prevent the laid frauds, have formerly required all persons to forbear putting to sale ann adulterate Wares ci ther of Gold or Silver, but that they cause the same forthwith to be defaced; And that as well Plate-workers as Small-workers should cause their respective Warks to be brought to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there strike the same in a Table kept in the Asap-Of-数 3

fice; And likewise enter their Pames and places of Pabitations in a Book there kept for that purpose, whereby the persons and their Marks might be known unto the Wardens of the said Company, which having not hitherto ben dus In observed, These are therefoze to give notice to, and to require again all those who exercise the said Art or Apstery of Goldsmiths in oz about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs of the same, That they forthwith repair to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there strike their Marks in a Table appointed for that purpose, and likewise enter their Pames, with the plas ces of their respective Owellings, in a Book remaining in the Assay-Office there: And that as well the Worker as Shopképer, and all others working and Trading in Gold oz Silver Wares, of what kind or quality soever they be, forbear put: ting to sale any of the said Works, not being agræable to Standard, that is to sap. Gold not less in finenels than two and twenty Carraces, And Silver not less in fineness than eleven ounces two penny weight: And that no person oz persons do from henceforth put to sale any of the said Waxes either small oz great, befoze the Workmans Mark bestruck thereon, and the same Assaved at Goldsmiths-Hall, and there approved for Standard, by striking thereon the Lyon and Leopards-Head Crowned, or one of them, if the said Works will

will conveniently bear the same: And hereofall persons concerned are desired to take notice, and demean themselves according ly: otherwise the Wardens will make it their care to procure them to be proceeded against according to Law.

Goldsmiths-Hall the 7th. day of January, 1677.

TTHEREAS Complaint hath been made VV to the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths London, That divers small Mozks, as Silver Buckles to? Belts, Silver Pilts, and the pieces thereto belanging, with divers other (mall Wares both of Gold and Silver are frequently wrought and put to cale by divers Goldsmiths and others, worle than Standard, to the great abuse of his Majesties good Subjeas, and Discredit of that Manufaaure, and reproach in Porein parts to the English Goldsmiths: And that there are also divers pieces of Silver Plate sold, not being Assaped at Goldsmiths-Hall, and so not marked with the Leopards-Head Crowned, 02 Lyon, as by Law the same ought to be. And whereas the Wardens of the said Company, to prevent the said Frauds, have formerly required all persons to for bear putting to Sale any adulterate Wares either of Gold oz Silver, but that they cause the same forthwith to be defaced. And that as well Plate-Workers as Small-workers hould cause their respeaibe K 4

aive Marks to be brought to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there strike the same in a Table kept in the Assay-Office, and likewise enter their Pames and Places of Pabitations in a Book there kept foz that purpose, whereby the persons and their Marks might beknown unto the Wardens of the said Company; which having not of late ben duly observed, and many of the Offenders seem to be incorrigible. These are therefoze to give notice to, and to require a= gain, all those who Exercise the said Art oz Mystery of Goldsmiths in oz about the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Suburbs of the same, and in and about the Burrough of Southwark, that thep forthwith repair to Goldsmiths-Hall, and there strike their Marks (first approved of by the Wardens in Court) in a Table appointed foz that purpole; and likewise enter their Pames, with the places of their respeaive Owellings in a Book remaining in the Assay-Osice there: And that as well the Worker as Shop-képer, and all Cutlers and Girdlers, and all others, Trading in Gold or Silver Wares, of what kind or quality soever they be, forbear putting to sale any of the said Works, not being a= græable to Standard: that is to say, Gold not less in fineness than two and twenty Carraas, and Silver not less in fineness than elevenounces two penny weight. And that no person or persons do from hence= forth put to Sale any of the said Wares cither

either small oz great, befoze the Workmans Mark be struck clear and visible thereon, and upon every part thereof, that is wrought alunder, and afterwards sodered o: made fast thereto, infinishing the same, unless it be such sozt of Work adjudged by the Wardens, that it will not conveniently bear the Workers Mark. And that (all manner of Silver Vessels, and all manner of Silver Hilts toz Swozds, and all man-ner of Silver Buckles toz Belts and Gir= dles, and other harnels of Silver be Alsaped at Goldsmiths-Hall, and there appzo= ved for Standard; by striking thereon the Lion and Leopards Head Crowned, 02 one of them, befoze they be exposed to Sale. And hereof all Persons concerned are required to take notice, and demean themselves accordingly: otherwise the Wardens resolve to make it their care to procure them to be proceeded against according to Law. And will reward every person soz their pains in discovering befoze them (in Court) the matter of Fac of any Transgressoz (in the premisses) upon the Conviction of the Offender.

Touching the several Weights now in use a-mongst us, for the buying and selling of Gold and Silver, and precious Stones, the Reader may observe,

That no other weights are (by our Laws) to be used in weighing Gold and Silver, but those called by the name of *Troy* Weights, of which

24 Grains

24 Grains make a penny weight, or the weight of an old Sterling penny, (which now goes for three pence.)

20 penny weight makes one ounce.

12 ounces make a pound.

The compounding these weights (being used in Affaying of Gold, and computing the Standard of Gold) are called by the name Carracts, of which a large account is given before.

There be other sorts of Carracts compounded

of Troj grains, thus;

4 Grains make a Carract.

6 of such Carracts make a penny weight.

120 of such Carracts makes an ounce Troy; These are only used to weigh Diamonds and Pearls.

That all persons may know the difference of Troy weights from others, they are to observe that these weights are made in the shapes, and of the Metal, and marked as hereafter is mentioned,

(viz.)

The Grain weights are made of pieces of thin Brass, commonly called Laten-Brass, and are cut near four square, and proportioned from half a grain to six grains; and so many grains that each piece contains, it is marked with the like number of round Marks thus (0) And also on every piece is (or should be) set the letter G with a Coronet at the head of it, thus ()

The next weights above them, are the penny weights, which are made of thick square pieces of Brass, proportioned from a half-penny weight to a five penny weight, and not usually higher:

And so many penny weight that each piece contains is made or marked thereon, so many round marks thus (o) as abovesaid; and also is or should be set the Lion on every piece.

The next above them is the ounce weights, they are also of Brass, and made round in nests, (that is to say) to fall or stand one within another, and are proportioned from a drachm to 32 ounces, and sometimes to 64 ounces, (viz.)

the least is a * Drachm; the next half a quarter of an ounce, the next a quarter of an ounce, the next half an ounce, the next an ounce, the next two ounces, and so every one double the weight of the next

* A Drachm Troy is one penny weight and fix grains; Sixteen of fuch drachms make an ounce Troy: Half a quarter of an ounce is two penny weight and 12 grains.

lesser, and every one from an ounce upwards, are marked with numeral Letters of such number, as the pieces contains ounces, and also every weight marked with two Letters, made thus (R) for Troy, and are or should be marked with the Lion and Leopards-Head Crowned.

The next weights above them are fashioned like a Bell, and are called Bell-weights, and are proportioned from one pound or twelve ounces Troy, to thirty two pounds, and sometimes higher, every one being double the weight of the next lesser, as before of the ounce weights, and are or should be marked with the same Marks.

The Standard of these weights is kept in the Tower of London, and also in the Goldsmiths-Hall, and the Officers there and none other should have the Sizing or Gauging of them; but that being accounted

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accounted too chargeable, the several Weightmakers in and about London do usually Size and Gauge these weights themselves, according to the aforesaid Standard, and do set marks on them something resembling the right; but by what authority they so do, I leave to the consideration of

those immediately concerned therein.

There are other forts of Weights, by some used amongst us, called by the name of Venice-Weights, and are made in nests of the same fashion, as the nests of Troy ounces are, and every one double the weight of the next lesser, but very much differing from the Troy Weights thus, (viz.) as the Troy ounce contains twenty penny weights, so the Venice ounce contains but thirteen penny weight and a half. But there being no Law for these Venice-Weights amongst us, only the Sellers of Gold and Silver Lace (but without any warrant or authority so to do) do too often for their private lucre, use the same. But what I have before mentioned of them, is sufficient to prevent their being used instead of the Troy weights.

There are also other forts of weights (by our Law) in use amongst us, called by the name of Averdupois (the lesser sort of them) are made of Brass, and shaped round and flat, and every one double the weight of the next lesser, and are or ought to be Sized and Marked at Guild-Hall London, (where the Standard of those Weights is kept, with several Marks, (viz.) the City Arms in a Shield, the Dagger, the Letter A for Averdupois, a Flower-de-luce, and the Effigies of a Vessel or Ewer. These Weights differ from the Troy weights thus, (viz.) that as the Troy ounce contains

contains twenty penny weight, so the ounce Averdupois contains but 18 penny weight; and as the pound Troy contains twelve ounces, so the pound Averdupois contains sixteen ounces: But these not being for the weighing Gold and Silver, what I have mentioned of them, is sufficient to distinguish them from the Troy Weights.

Thus I have given you a plain account of what Gold and Silver is produced, and their natures, and that the nobleness and excellency thereof is the cause of their being in so great esteem.

I have also shewed what industry hath been used heretofore to make those Metals the more useful and serviceable in works by Allaying them to a certain Standard, the best (for the intended purposes) in the world, and what that Standard is, I have plainly set down.

I have given you a true and faithful account of the Laws and rules in force, made for keeping all Gold and Silver Works up to that Standard, and for regulating the Goldsmiths Trade, and what persons may lawfully follow that Trade, and some notes for the better understanding those Laws and Rules.

I have given intimation of the transgression of those Laws by the making and selling several works of Gold and Silver, of a worse and courser Allay than that Standard, and the proper means and ways how every person may easily discover the same, and the greatness or littleness of the deceit, and the right method of proceeding for recompence.

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If for all this any Workers or Sellers of Gold or Silver Works (in any place within this Realm) shall resolutely persist in breaking those Laws by Working, Selling, or exposing to Sale such adulterated and fraudulent Works, to the great discredit of those Metals, and deceit of the people, and dishonour of this Kingdom and Government, and (in particular) the Corporation of Goldsmiths: Yet I hope all wearing buyers of those works will consider, that to buy a thing for Gold or Silver, which is but a counterfeit thereof, without distrust or scruple, argues a weak credulity: And to wear Brass or Copper, supposing it will be esteemed Gold or Silver, may (instead of such esteem) merit a suspicion that 'tis so worn because of disability to buy better, or of ambition to have a counterfeit Ornament appear a reality.

Now will any wearing Buyer be so inconsiderate as to fancy or fay this concerns not him, or it only concerns the Corporation of Goldsmiths; when indeed the evil practices of the Workers and Sellers of Goldsmiths Works will be no ways so curbed and prevented, as by the ingenuity of the wearing Buyers and their understanding what they ought to have, but if they shall only understand what is their property, and not pursue it; I say (as before) such persons are not only (in this case) worthy to be cheated, but are encouragers of such evil doers, and have no excuse left them, when they are hereby so plainly directed to discover the cheat, and so easily to get recompence, either (immediately) of the Seller, or by application to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, or to the chief Magistrates in the seven Touch-Towns, who are bound

bound by Law (as aforesaid) to stand by the party wronged, and endeavour what in them lies to pursuo all courses of Law to obtain their recom-

pence.

And I do affert, that several persons to my knowledge have made complaint to the Wardens in the method as afore is directed, and have had a quick and speedy dispatch to their full satisfaction; and others who having discovered their being cheated, have applied themselves to the person of whom the false work was bought, who have either returned the money which it cost, or good work of the Standard goodness instead thereof, rather than a farther clamour should be made to his disgrace, or be called in question before Authority for the offence.

But to suggest that this deceit is only, or for the most part in the small Silver Works, and therefore inconsiderable and not worth the trouble of the Magistrate, nor others to suppress it;

when 'tis well known.

That the small Works are near as much considerable as the great Works; for counting the number of Workers and Sellers, and the multitude of Wearers, and the extraordinary wearing, and breaking, and alterations of Fashions of the small Gold and Silver Works, above the great Plate, it will appear to be used near equal in quantity, if not more.

For, it may be observed, that in and about London, for one that works in great Plate, there is fix small Workers, and more; and that the great Workers do not always make their vessels and work of the largest sort, but do make abun-

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dance inconsiderable in the weight; as of 5,4,3, or 2 ounces each piece, and goes under the name of small Works; and that the Small Workers do frequently make heavy Works, as Hilts, and Buckles, and such like, weighing 3, 4,5,6,8, 10, or 12. ounces the piece or sett, and yet is accounted Small Work; and that when Trade has been indifferent quick, several of these Small Workers have each of them to my knowledge wrought into Buckles, and Hilts, and such like 200 ounces and more of Silver in every week of a very base Al-

lay.

So that if half the Small Works be adulterated or made of Counterfeit Sterling or Standard, the wearers of such Works cannot be less cheated (by what may reasonably be collected considering what is made and sold in London, and all parts of the Kingdom) than two hundred pounds in every week, reckoning but one shilling cheat in every ounce of Silver, and so proportionably in Gold; but if any considerable number of the small Workers should each of them cheat 5, or 6, or 10, or 151. or more in every week in the Buckles and Hilts, and the pieces thereto belonging (which is well known some have done) and so of other small Works, it would amount to a greater sum.

And to sancy that this deceit being so divided, severed, and disperst, that no one person can complain of any considerable loss thereby, therefore:

no need of punishing or suppressing thereof.

By the same reason if Thieves and Robbers do crastily take or steal but by little and little, to the value of 6 d. of one, 1 s. of another, 2 s. of another, 5 s. of another, 5 of another, 5 c.

no need is there of punishing or suppressing them: The inference thereof I leave to all, and do hope that the wearing buyers of Goldsmiths works, (to wit, Sword-hilts, and the pieces thereto belonging, Ruckles for Belts and Girdles, and Shoe-Buckles, and Garter-Buckles, Watch-Cases, and the Pins and Studs that are put into Watch-Cases, Rings of all Sorts, Lockets, and other fewels; Money-Boxes, Tobacco-Boxes, Coral-Sockets, and the Brass wier put in those Sockets, and Copper Clappers in the Bells; all sorts of Buttons and Tagos for Garments; Chirurgeons Instruments, Clasps, Chains, Dram-Cups, and all other sorts of small work, and of the great Plate that is made in the remote places from London) will not suffer themselves to be thus wheedlingly cheated by those Works, of 11 or 12000 t. or more, in every year: But that be the cheat small or great, or the offender rich or poor, the agrieved persons will vigorously prosecute, and the Magistrates severely punish every offender in the Goldsmiths Trade.

And rather then the poverty of any offender, should deterr the prosecution and severest punishment, I do averr that (they being the first and principal adventurers to make these fraudulent Works) it were better they were maintained by the Alms of the Parish, than thus to assist to cheat the people, and discredit the Gold-smiths Wares, and thereby spoil their Trade. And the more able Working-Goldsmiths, that would work honestly, are forced to follow such their ill example, or procure them to be punished, or lose their Trades. And certain it is, if the Fines on these offenders be small, it will be worth their while

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to pay it, and go on again in making and vending such cheating Works: for true it is, that one weeks cheat, or less, may make double recompence for an ordinary Fine, and it will be a great chance if these punish'd offenders, that live privately, be catcht once

in half, or 4 whole year after.

A more particular account of these deceits take thus: The Shop keeper buys in his Shop all forts of old course Gold and Silver works, and you may be sure not for above the just intrinsick value that 'tis worth; which course Gold or Silver, (instead of causing the Refiner to make it of the sineness of Standard) he either works up again himself, or puts it out to his Work-men abroad (who live generally in private) to be wrought; or else the mean Work-men, having made up course Gold or Silver works of their own, about with it they go to the Shop-keepers; and they, whether Goldsmiths, or Traders in their Works, (if evilly disposed) do receive of these New works more or less, as they have occasion, and put in Gage weight for weight their Old course Gold or Silver against the New, and only pay the Work-man for the Fashion. And the Work-men dare not resuse this way of dealing, for the number of them being great, and are generally very poor, that if one do refuse, another (especially an Alien) will imbrace it, and the refuser loseth his Trade, and fo is undone: And the complying worker has this further advantage, he will make it courser, and so every time ('tis new wrought) courser and courser, and as bad as possibly he can work it, and make it shew like Gold or Silver. And if the evil disposed Goldsmiths deliver Gold or Silver that

that is Standard, to be wrought into Works, or do work it themselves, they will certainly mix, or cause the Work-man to mix in it, such quantities of Copper as will make it of the customary coursness. Herein lyes the delusion of that pretence, (to wit) that he takes (or delivers to his Work-men) no Gold or Silver but Standard to be wrought into Works.

This counterfeit Gold or Silver work, is al-. ways sold to the wearing buyer (if Silver) at 5 s. the ounce, and (if Gold) at 4 l. the ounce, although most times it be not worth above half the price, besides the Fashion. I charge not all Shop-keeping Goldsiniths, and Traders in their Works, with these unlawful doings; but assuredly tis an overspread disease, for the evil-disposed Goldsmiths and Traders in their Works, will (as the Laws to prevent these deceits now are) in despite of Fate practise it at all opportunities, and the honest Goldsmiths and Traders in their Works, must (though unwillingly) do so too, or lese their Trades. And many honest Workers would gladly contribute largely both pains and money to punish offenders, and obtain a thorow Reformation; but are so over-awed by the evildisposed Shop-keepers with whom they deal, that they dare not appear or give the least countenance to it, which if the Shop-keeper perceives they do, it will assuredly cost them the loss of their Custom, unless some extraordinary thing prevent.

And that the honest Goldsmiths and Traders in their Works, are so forc'd to practice these deceits, it may plainly appear by these Examples:

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Suppose a Set of Buckles weighing two ounces be made of Sterling, which Silver the honest Goldsmith sells for 10s. 6 d. you may be sure he gains nothing by that; but if he take 3 s. a reasonable price for the Fashion, which is all his gains, O how 'tis scrupled, as a great rate, and too dear! For the evil-disposed Goldsmith will make a Set of the same likeness and weight, worth but 3 s. 6 d. the ounce, and take 10 s. for the Silver, and but 2 s. for the Fashion, and this by the wearing buyer is counted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed 'tis the dearer by 2 s.

than the good Silver Buckles.

Or suppose a Gold Ring weighing 6 dwt. be made of Standard, which Gold the honest Goldsmith sells for 1 l. 4 s. you may be sure he gains nothing by that; but if he take 3 s. a reasonable price for the Fashion, which is all his gains, 'tis scrupled, and accounted a great rate, and too dear: For the evil-disposed Goldsmith will make a Gold Ring of the same likeness and weight, and the Gold worth but 18 s. and take 1 l. 4 s. for it, and but 2 s. for the Fashion, and this by the wearing buyer is accounted a great deal the better bargain, when indeed 'tis dearer by 5 s. than the ether. But if the Gold or Silver be courser, as often it is, the bargain will be so much the dearer, and the cheat the greater. And so it is of all other Goldsmiths works which are adulterated, and this deceitful pretended cheapness draws away the bonest Goldsmiths Custom, and exceedingly cheats the mearing buyer.

Another invention is used among the evil-disposed Goldsmiths, and Traders in their Works,

(especially now there is so great noise about these deceits) keep of every sort of Gold and Silver works, both of the Standard goodness, and of a courser Allay, ready for sale; and when the Customer comes to buy, they will carefully observe whether he has skill in the Silver or Gold, and whether he is scrupulous of its goodness, by asking for the marks, and (the common, though frivolous question) whether they will warrant it to be Standard; then be sure he must be very impudent that will put any Wares but good, into such scrupulous persons hands: But if they perceive the Customer careless, or unskilful, then he is the person that shall assuredly have the Adulterated Goldsmiths works.

This artifice occasions the difficulty for persons imployed on purpose (by the Company, or others) to buy the deceitful Works, thereby to have the offenders prosecuted according to Law: For such person imployed must be very ingenuous in managing his words and carriage, and to make distinction, else he may buy the good instead of the bad, by which may accrue considerable loss by the Fashion, they having not occasion for the same.

I know many will be much offended at these discoveries, and reflect on me that old saying; That 'tis a sorry Bird that desiles his own Nest; but let such consider in these cases, that he is not the desiler, that discovers and endeavours to cleanse the filthy corrupt doings in this Trade, But they that are the Astors and Abetters of adulterating the Goldsmiths Works, are desilers of their L2 Nests.

Nests, a discredit to their Works, and dishonour to

the whole Trade and Nation.

I am the more plain in this case, because I find this distemper is contumacious, and the offenders incorrigible, and do impudently desie the Laws, and dare the Magistrates to their faces; and do at every time they cheat in these Works, and escape, conclude that no agrieved persons will. trouble themselves to call them in question for the same; and the threatning against them by

others, to be but as an old Womans Fable.

Wherefore these offenders ought to be exposed to exemplary punishment, not only to pay confiderable Fines, but with the Pillory, less then which will not stop the cariere of this so grand deceit. And since the counterseiting a Pass, was punished with the Pillory, and a Fine, lib. delib. Goal. Newgate, 5 Decemb. 8 Car. 1. and the like punishment imposed for counterseiting a Butobers License, 3 March. 7 Car. ead. lib. it may bo supposed that the counterseiting the Sterling on Standard in Works of Gold or Silver, and felling, exchanging or bartering the same, (being a greater cheat) will not be less severely dealt with.

And to the end these deceitsul practices may be essectually suppress'd and prevented, I will humbly propose to our wise Law-makers, whether a further Authority (with reducing all Goldfriths into that Corporation as aforesaid) may be given to the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, and to all other Surveyors as the King is Authorized by the afore-recited Stat. of 37 Ed. 3.7. to appoint, and also to the parties grieved, to this

effect following; (viz.)

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Hat it Shall and may be lawful to and for the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths of the City of London, and either of them, and their Suscessors, and such other skilful person and persons as the Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, shall from time to time think fit to appoint, and authorize under the Great Seal of England, at all times hereafter, in the day time, for the better redress of the evils aforesaid, to enter into all and every Shop and Shops, Work-houses and Ware-houses of all and every person and persons trading in, and selling any Plate Vessels, Harness, or any other work or ware of Gold or Silver, and survey, view, and try the said wares; and in case they shall find any of the said works or wares, whether they be single or mixt, or joyned with the works of other Trades, to be deficient, either for want of such Stamp and Marks as by the Statutes made for regulating Goldsmiths works, are required, or be not of good and warrantable Allay, or any Brass, Copper, or Laten works, gilt or silvered, contrary to the Stat. 5 Hen. 4. 13. That then it shall and may be lawful to and for the Wardens and their Successors, and such other Surveyors, person and persons so to be authorized under the Great Seal as aforesaid, respectively to seize and secure the same, and the same seizure shall return and present at the next Sessions of the Peace for such County where such seizure is made; and in case upon such Presentment, the owner of such Works shall not be satisfied with such seizure, but will justifie the same to be lawful Works, that then the said owner shall forthwith plead Not guilty unto the said Presentment, and the Court thereupon, at the same Sessions, shall canse a fury to L 4 be

be returned, to try the said Issue, upon which tryal the said parties shall be at liberty to give the special matter in evidence: And in case the Verdict shall be given for the Prosecutor, or the said Wares shall be condemned on such Presentment, by Nihil dicit, that then in either of the said cases, the said Wares Shall be appraised in the said Court, upon the Oaths of two persons, and the one moiety of such appraisement shall forthwith, before delivery of the Said Wares, be paid unto the Sheriff of the said County, to be answered on his accounts in the Exchequer to his Majesty, wherewith the Clerk of the Peace is hereby required to charge him in his Estreats in the Exchequer; and the other moiety shall go and be to the person and persons making such seizure. And the said fustices of the Sessions to be hereby authorized and required, in case of such tryal as aforesaid, if the Verdict shall be given for the Prosecutor, to tax and assess him his full cost by him expended in such prosecution, and also twenty shillings for his attendance, in case the moiety of the Works seized be not of that value. And in case the Verdict shall be given against the Prosecutor, that then the said Court shall tax and assess the Defendant his full cost of Suit, and Shall from time to time grant Execution for levying all the Jame money so taxed as aforesaid; and the said condemnation or tryal there to be had, shall be conclusive to all parties, without further Appeal to any other Court by Certiorari, Writ of Error, or any other wife what soever.

And in case any Goldsmith, or any other person or persons, sellers of any works or wares of Gold or Silver, or gilt or silvered Brass, Copper, or Laten, shall resuse to permit the said Wardens, or other the person

or persons, or Surveyors so to be authorized as aforesaid respectively, to survey, search and try, in the day time, all such wares and works of Gold and Silver, or gilt or silvered works aforesaid, as shall be within their respective Shops or Ware-houses; or shall refuse, when required, to open all their Compters, Chests, Glasses, Cupboards, Boxes, Drawers, Workhouses, Ware-houses, and all and every other place and places where the said wares are isually made or kept, that then every person so offending, to forseit for every such refusal the sum of five pounds, the one moiety whereof to be to our Soveraign Lord the King, his Heirs and Successors, and the other moiety to fuch person and persons to whom such refusal is made, together with full cost, in case the said forfeitures be contested, and recovery be had by Suit at Law.

And that all fustices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and all other Officers, where any search shall be made by virtue of this Act, shall be aiding and assisting to the said Wardens and Sur-

veyors respectively, in making such searches.

And that if any person or persons what soever, do or shall counterfeit or deceitfully make, or cause to be counterfeited or deceitfully made, the Mark or Marks of the Corporation of Goldsmiths, or the Mark or Marks of any Goldsmith, entered and registred as by the Statutes aforesaid is directed, on any work of Gold or Silver what soever, that then such person so offending, shall for every such offence incurr the penalty of Fifty pounds, to be divided betwixt the King, and the party grieved that shall sue for the same: And where the offender is not able to pay such Fine, he shall undergo twelve months imprisonment

prisonment without Bail or Mainprise, and be also publickly whipt upon his naked back at the Carts Tail, once in every month during such impri-

sonment.

And that the Wardens of the Goldsmiths aforesaid, and all other Surveyors appointed for the
Assaying and Marking the Goldsmiths works, and
their Successors respectively, shall and may lawfully
detain and keep (the weight of) 4 grains of Silver,
and no more, out of every ounce Troy, and so proportionable out of every lesser weight, of all Silver works
they do allow and mark for good, that shall contain in
each piece under the weight of six cunces Troy, for
and towards the extraordinary charge and pains

about Assaying and Marking the same.

And that if any Action, Plaint, Suit or Information, shall be commenced or prosecuted against any person or persons for what he or they shall do in pursuance, or in execution of this Act, such person or persons so sued in any Court whatsoever, shall and may plead the general Issue Not guilty, and upon any Issue joyned, may give this Act and the special matter in evidence: And if the Plaintiss or Prosecutor shall become Non-suit, or sorbear surther prosecution, or suffer a discontinuance, or if the Verdict pass against him, the Defendants shall recover their treble costs, for which they shall have the like remedy as in any case where costs by the Law are given to Defendants.

And that it may be enacted, that from time to time, and at all times hereafter, when any person is or shall be agrieved, by having received or bought of any Goldsmith, or other Trader in Goldsmiths works in London, or five miles compass of the same City,

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any manner of Gold or Silver work what soever, that is not of the fineness, or is worse then the Standard appointed for Goldsmiths works by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; It skall and may be lawful to and for any one or more fustices of the Peace, or chief Magistrate of the place where the offence shall be committed, he or they to be hereby required and enjoyned, upon proof to him or them respectively made. of such offence, by the Oath of the party grieved, of: his or her receiving or buying the work, (and producing the Report of either the sworn Assay-Master of the Goldsmiths-Hall, or the sworn Assay-Master of the Tower of London, under either of their. hands, that the Work is worse thin Standard, and unlawful; which Assays and true Reports they and either of them, to be required readily to perform for nsual Fees; which Oath the said fustice and fustices of the Peace, and chief Magistrate respectively, to be hereby impowred and required to administer) to make Record of every such offence under his or their hands and seals respectively, which Record so made as aforesaid, to be to all intents and purposes in Law taken and adjudged to be a full and perfect convictian of every such offender for every such offence. By vertue of which Record, the Wardens of the Goldsmithe, or any one of them, (having the false Work, and a true Copy of the conviction, and Record of the offence, under the hands and seals of such respective Justice or chief Magistrate, delivered to them or any one of them) shall and may lawfully, and are hereby authorized and required, with the assistance of a Constable, Headborough, or Tithing-man, (who are hereby required to be aiding and affifting herein) to levie the full sum that such deceitful Gold or Sil-

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ver works was sold at, to such respective person grieved; with necessary charges, and also twenty skillings for a Fine, in case the false Works be not of that value, by distress and sale of such offenders Goods and Chattels, rendring the overplus; and with such money to make re-payment to the party grieved his reasonable charges, and the aforesaid Fine and deceitful Work shall be to the use of the said Corporation.

Provided always, that where such offender shall find himself agrieved, by such conviction and distress as aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for him, within one week after the said distress shall be made as aforesaid, (and not after) to appeal in writing from the person convicted, (he entering into Recognizance before the Justice or Magistrate that made the Record, to prosecute the said Appeal to effect) to the Judgment of the Justices of the Peace in their Quarter-Sessions, to whom the fustice of the Peace, or chief Magistrate, or Alderman that first convicted the offender, shall certifie under his or their hands and seals the evidence upon which the conviction pass'd, and the whole Record thereof, and the Said Appeal and Recognizance; whereupon such offender may plead and make defence, and have his tryal by a fury thereupon. And in case such Appellant shall not prosecute with effect, or if upon such tryal he shall not be acquitied, or Judgment pass not for him upon his said Appeal, the said fustices at their Sessions shall give treble cost against such offender, for his said unjust Appeal: And no other Court Shall intermeddle with any Cause or Causes of Appeal upon such conviction, record and distress, but it shall be finally determined in the Quarter-Sessions only. This

This method may be fitted as effectual for all other places in the Kingdom, by impowring the Justices and chief Magistrates there, to issue forth their Warrants (after conviction and record made of the offence as aforesaid) to make distress, and to re-pay the agrieved person: and the false Goods to be to the use of the Poor of the Parish, and liberty of Appeal as aforesaid.

If this or some other provision shall be thought fit by our Law-makers to be made, for the better enabling the Wardens of the Goldsmiths to perform their duty, and to make the prosecution of these offenders quick, cheap, and easie, it will

doubtless totally suppress these deceits.

But now as the case is, the Wardens will say, we are willing to do our duty to the utmost, we have provided an Assay-Office at our Hall, with Officers and all conveniences therein, for Assaying and Marking all Gold and Silver works that are Standard, and will conveniently bear the Marks.

We do not refuse, but allow all Workers in Goldsmiths works in London, and three miles compass, the Assay and Touch at our Office, as those free of our Company have.

We are ready at all times needful, and do make fearch among all Workers and Traders in Gold-smiths works, and severely punish the offenders

for what offences we can find.

But here lyes the mischief that marrs all, let us agree upon and appoint a search as secret as we can, and so secretly proceed about the work, tis possible we may surprize one, two, or three of these deceitful Traders at first, and view and try

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their works. But 'tis certainly true, they will give notice one to the other; then all the rest will presently hide and lock up all their deceitful works, and when we come to search, some pretend they have none but good, and most will refase to open either Glass, Press, Compter, Box or Drawer, or Back-room, (which is the principal place;) And some when having secured their false Works, will absent themselves until we are gone; and we doubting of our power to break open or punish the contempt, do depart: and thus our endeavours are made fruitless both in City and Country.

But Quere, Whether the Goldsmiths and Traders in their Works, that do refuse to give free liberty of search, (to all or any of those authorized by Law to search, view and try the Goldsmiths works) be Indictable and Fineable by the Common Law for the contempt; if it be so, yet the charge and trouble, and little profit, will discourage the prosecution.

And, whether the Wardens of the Goldsmiths, and other the Surveyors, have Authority (upon refusal) to break open Glasses and Presses, and all places where they do see any works of their Trade, (among st any Goldsmiths and Traders in their works) and to view and try the same; if they have, yet that Aushority will avail little, for the Adulterated works are chiefly kept in more obscurity.

And the agrieved person will say, I have bought * set of Silver Buckles, and by the direction aforesaid do find I am cheated 2, 3, or 4 s. or more in them; or, I have bought a Silver Hilt, and do find I am cheated 6, or 8, or 10, or 15 s. in it, and the pieces thereto belonging; and so of all

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other sorts of small works both of Gold and Silver, and the great Plate made remote from London: And he will say, he that sold it me is a cheating Knave, I will go to him again, if I can conveniently, or can remember or know where he is, or inhabits, and Hector him to make me recompence; which if he refuse to do, I consider that to prosecute him at the Sessions, will require the loss of a great deal of time, and more charges than the sum I am cheated of, especially if he remove the Plaint into the Kings-Bench Court; or if I begin with him there, or any other Court, it will be the same thing, as to loss of time and great expence, therefore I will omit the profecution: And because of the disparagement to wear such brassie counterfeit Gold or Silver, I will put it off for what I can get, and take more care the next time I buy such Works, or wholly omit the wearing of them.

This is the common saying among the people, and the apprehension of the discouragement in profecuting the Workers and Sellers of these Adulterated cheating Works, is a great encourage-

ment to their proceedings therein.

But my good Country-men, I pray consider that none of you are born only for your selves, but ought to be helpful to the Publick; if some agrieved persons are timorous, unable, or so dull, that they will rather suffer this way of cheating to proceed in a full torrent, than take a little pains, or be at a little charge to put a stop thereto, yet I hope some of you (having more generous Spirits, for the good and honour of your Country) will consider, that although the prose-

cution of these offenders for small crimes, may be rather a loss than gain to you; yet the bring-ing these offenders sometimes to publick punishment, will make them sensible that they are not secure as heretofore from the tash of the Law, for such their deceitful practices. But if the proceedings of the Wardens, and the grieved persons, were made more effectual, cheap, quick and easie, where the Wardens go once in their search now, they would then go ten times; and where there is one agrieved prosecutor now, there would then be twenty: then who would dare to offend in the Goldsmiths Trade?

Now let me reason the case a little with you, that will notwithstanding all that I have writ, and all the late punishments that have been inflicted for these offences, obstinately and resolutely persist in working and selling unlawful Gold or Silver works, what do you think will be the right ways either to advance your Trade, or lessen it?

Can you imagine that although the buyer perceive not the deceit at first, (when the work is newly sold, and cunningly set off, with all your skill) that he will not perceive it in the wearing like Brass or Copper? and when sold again, be allowed but 3 s. or 3 s. 6 d. the ounce for the Silver, and but 2 l. 10 s. or 3 l. the ounce for the Gold, when he paid 5 s. the ounce for the Silver, and 4 l. the ounce for the Gold, besides the Fashion.

You may be sure he will not only repent the dealing with you, but publickly say, You are a very cheating Knave; and say also, Who would buy such sort of Works wherein is so much deceit,

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ccit, but rather use any other thing instead thereof? And thus people are discouraged to buy your Works, and your Trade decays; whilst you vainly think to treble your prosit, but instead thereof lose your Trade.

When otherwise if your Gold and Silver works be of Standard goodness, your Customers will say, Tis as good as money in their Pockets, weight for weight; and that they know what they paid for the Fashion, which is all the loss they shall be at, and the work wears creditable; and they will not repent of their bargain, but publickly commend it, whereby others will be encouraged to buy such Works, and so your Trade increases.

And I will affert, that if all the Gold and Silver works were made of Standard goodness, for one ounce that is therein used now, there would then be three ounces and more: And thus would your Trade flourish, and the old Proverb would be to you experimentally true, that Honesty is the best Policy.

And although the old (but erronious) Proverb is, That honest dealing is a Jewel, but they that use it shall die Beggars; yet I have observed, and tis well known of several persons that have got considerable Estates by indirect and unjust means, and it has mouldered and wasted away, and the parties come to a very mean condition.

And others who have used a good conscience in their dealing, and have what in them lay, proceeded in all their ways by the rule of justice and honesty, have been very prosperous, and arrived

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to considerable Estates, and it hath continued to them and theirs.

But some Workers and Traders in Goldsmiths Works will say, others do make false and adulterated Works, and sell cheap, and we work honestly and have no gains coucht undiscernably in the Metal, therefore must have a suitable and visible prosit to our labour; and by consequence our works must bear a higher prise than the adultereted works of the same likeness and weight, or we cannot live: And the salse works being cheaper, and yet more gainful than our honest works, will be vended, and have free passage amongst the unskilful people, whilst our good and lawful works will lie on our hands.

How then can we (by common reason) be induced to believe that our honesty will maintain us, or your observation of the good success of honest dealing be useful to us to prevent the necessity of our being brought to work; and sell as bad as any, or starve

To which my honest Brethren, I say, you are obliged by the Laws of this Land, and Principles of Christian Religion to be true and sust in all your dealings, neither to cheat by your self, nor be accessary to others cheating; not to work, or cause to be wrought or vended, salse and adulterated Gold or Silver work of your own, nor to work it for others: if you do the contrary, 'tis Rebellion, and as the sin of Witchcrast; in the practice of which you shall never prosper: and surther, you are to consider, you are placed by providence in this Trade for your livelihoods, and I hope have ingenuous capacities to manage it so, that you may

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may appear to the world to be curious Artists. Then be you ingenious also to keep a Brotherly Correspondence one with the other, and every one endeavour his uttermost (to obtain the New Laws afore-proposed, and in the mean time) to discover, impeach, and prosecute by the assistance of the Wardens, and means, as afore is directed, all that do work or sell adulterated works, this (with the never-failing severity of the Courts on these Offenders) will break the hearts of knavish actions and designs in your Trade, all then must work Gold and Silver of a like goodness, none then can under-sell you but will ruine themselves: And you cannot be accounted ignominious Informers, which are those that sue upon Penal Statutes, and aim more at the private lucre than the suppressing or preventing the Transgression, and will unlawfully compound the Offence, or take bribes to forbear prosecution. Be you clear from these in your prosecutions, and then you will be; nay you cannot be accounted other (without calumny and flander) than the parties grieved: and such your proceedings being so just and honest, and honorable to your Trade and Nation, you will certainly have the Elessing of Divine Providence in so eminent a measure, that you will be forc'd to confess, that no ill course is comparable to the just and honest, for your growing rich, and that your Riches well gotten is blessed to you and yours.

HAT my good intent for preventing fraud not only in cases where Massy Gold and Silver are used, but also in other Works made or pretended to be made thereof, may take the better effect, I shall give you another Statute still in force, made as well to suppress and prevent the Gilding and Silvering of Copper and Brass Morks, and the deceit therein used, as the wasting the Gold and Silver of this Nation, (viz.)

Stat. 5 Hen. 4. 13.

Tem, Whereas many fraudulent Artifiz cers imagining to deceive the common people, do daily make Locks, Kings, Beads, Candlesticks, Harnels soziales, Dirdles, Pilts, Challices and Sword-Pommels, Powder-Bores, and Covers soz Cups, of Copper, and of Laten, and the same over Guilt and Silver, like to Gold or Silver; And the same sell and put in gage to many Ahen not having full knowledge thereof for whole Gold and whole Silver, to the great deceit, loss, and hinderance of the common people, and the wasting of the Gold and Silver, It is Ordained and Established, that no Artificer nor other man whatsoever he be from henceforth thall gild nor alber anpluch Locks, Kings, Beads, Candles sticks.

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stitks, Harnels for Girdles, Chalices, Pilts, nor Pommels for Swords, Powder-Boxes noz Covers foz Cups made of Copper or Laten, upon pain to forfeit to the King one hundzed hillings, at every time that he hall be found guilty, and to make latisfaction to the party grieved for his das mages: But that (Chalices always ercepted) the laid Artificers may work, or caule to be wrought Ornaments for the Church of Copper and Laten, And the same Gilt or Silver, so that always in the foot, or in some other part of every such Omament so to bemade, the Copper and the Laten hall be plain, to the intent that a man map lie whereof the thing is made, for to elehew the deceit aforelaid.

By which Statute the Gilding or Silvering any Locks, Rings, Beads, Candlesticks, Harness (that is, the Buckles) for Girdles, Chalices, Hilts, Pommels for Swords, Powder-Boxes and Covers for Cups made of Copper or Laten (to wit, Brass) is politively forbid, upon the penalty of 51. for every offence. And one reason thereof appears to be this, That such working Copper or Laten, and covering the same with Gold or Silver, is not only a great wasting of the Gold and Silver, but the occasion of a great fraud, by making such Wares to be in appearance of the value of whole Gold and Silver, when indeed they are in the substance thereof but dross and Counterfeit. And no doubt but somé persons at this day (as well as when that Statute was made) are or may be deceived by M 3 fuch

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such false Counterseit Works, and perhaps (when it is too late) experience the old Proverb to be

true; That all is not Gold that glisters.

And it is not to be doubted, but that the Makers of that Statute were well informed that Copper or Brass may be wrought into very many forts of Work wherein Gold or Silver may be wrought. And because much deceit was then used in the working of Buckles; and in Hilts and Pommels for Swords, &c. as well as of later times, such severe penalties were laid on the Workers of such false Wares, purposely to suppress all Counterseit and deceitful Work.

Such works being not only a wrong to the wearer by doing little or no service, (by reason of its brittleness, and its cankering and stinking quality, and soon losing its Gold or Silver Colour) but also to the workers of whole Gold and whole Silver works, who are much hindered and damnified in their Trades, by reason such false works are made to resemble their true or right works, and sold and worn instead thereof.

Therefore it may be reasonably conceived, that the workers of whole Gold and whole Silver works are intended by the said Statute, parties grieved as well as the wearer, and shall recover satisfaction from the Offenders.

And I am well assured, that the prosecution of the Ossenders against this Statute (which may be done by Bill, Plaint or Information) belongeth to the Wardens and Company of Goldsmiths, London, as well as the private agrieved party.

And the makers and workers of such counterfeit works are subjected to the Wardens and Companies

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panies power to Correct and punish in as full and ample manner as such workers who cover Tin with Silver mentioned in their Charter.

I Will further add something that may be useful to them that know it not, to prevent their being deceived with the Counterfeit Coin, that (notwithstanding the great care used by our Governors to prevent it) is continually made and vended amongst us. Wherefore they are to observe,

First, That there is one sort of unlawful Money, that is made so, (of the lawful Coin) by Clipping or Filing, or both, or otherwise lightening or

impairing the same.

Secondly, There is another fort of unlawful Counterfeit Money, made with the mixture of a little Silver and other baser Metal, which by artificial working, boiling, and finishing, will be made much like in countenance, and near as passable as good Money.

Thirdly, There is another fort of unlawful Money, made of solid Copper or Brass, and covered or cased over (on the flat parts as thick as paper, and on the edges near as thick as a sixpence) with good Silver, and is commonly as

passable as the other.

Fourthly, There is another fort of Counterfeit Money made only of fine hardened Tin, which comes near (at first making) to the colour of good Silver Money.

For the knowing of these (one from another and

all) from the Lawful Coin; Note further,

Of the first, The good Silver Coin that is clipt, filed or lessened, although thereby made unlawful,

ful, yet according as it is more or less by these ways abused, the people do receive or resuse it, as

they can agree.

Of the fccond, This fort, although when artificially finisht, it much resembles the proper Silver Coin; yet it cannot be so cunningly done, but it may be discovered by its different aspect from the good; if that give cause of suspicion, rub either the edge or flat part of it upon a dry board that hath gravelly or gritty matter on it, as the step of a stair, or such like; or else when the surface or out-part of the edge is a little rub'd off, rubit on a good clean Touch-stone; as afore is directed: and if it be false, you will thereby discover it. Or else take a Goldsmiths Graver made sharp, and enter it in some part of the flat of the Money as if you begun to engrave it, and in that hole or entrance (by viewing it in the light) if bad, it will appear in its yellowish colour:

Of the third, This fort is always different from the good Silver money thus, (to wit) as the good Silver money hath frequently (I mean the old Money) small cracks on the edges thereof, which is made by the forging it; so this fort of Counterseit Money is generally smooth on the edges without such Cracks; and as the good Money will (being let fall or thrown flat on a solid Board) ring shrillish; so this fort of bad Money, by reason its Case of Silver cannot be so united to its body of Brass or Copper, but it will (if let fall or thrown as aforesaid) sound like Lead, where these signs give cause of suspicion, the use of a Graver, as aforesaid, will plainly discover it.

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Of the Fourth: This fort is eafily discovered thus, (that is to fay) it cannot be avoided but its countenance will look much duller or darker than the good Money; and if you bite it, you may make greater impressions thereon with your teeth than on the good Coin, for it is softer, and much easier to be bent (either between the teeth, or in some chink or joynt of boards) than good

Money.

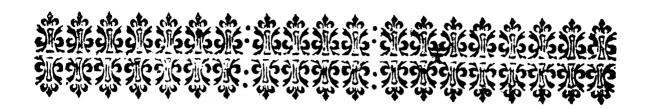
There may be other forts of Counterfeit Silver money, and other ways to discover the same. But to enlarge this Discourse on the critick-niceties of what is, or may be observable therein, and the Laws in force concerning the same, would not only swell this, but be matter for another Volume: Therefore I will only add, that ingenuous persons, being well acquainted with the particulars of the foregoing Treatife, and these plain Rules here laid down, and by their care to observe nicely the proportion, stamp, countenance, and wearing of the good money, will easily discern its difference from the Counterseit. And as the Counterfeiting, Clipping, Rounding, Washing, Filing, Impairing, Diminishing, Falsifying, Scaling or Lightening, (for wicked lucre sake) the proper Money or Coins of this Realm, is High Treason by these Statutes (to wit) 25 Edw. 3. 2. and 5 Eliz. 11. and 18 Eliz. 1. And the Actors of these Crimes, their Counsellors, Consenters, or Aiders therein, to be punished accordingly: So the counterfeiting the Sterling or Standard Gold or Silver of this Realm, in any Works or Wares whatsoever, both the working, selling, exposing to sale, exchanging or bartering thereof, is severely

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verely punishable, as is afore made manifest: And it may be said of the unlawful Money, as of the unlawful Gold and Silver Works, that if the people would (as they may) be so ingenuous to know and refuse them, the maker of either would soon desist from such unlawful employments.

Here is the proper place to insert Reynolds his Tables, and Catalogue of Forein Coins; but for some reasons they are referred to the latter end.

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Here followeth the CHARTER of the Cutlers of the City of London, truly rendred into English; the Invollment whereof is now remaining of Record in the Chappel of the Rills, Confirmed in the Fifth Year of King JAMES.

AMES by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all men to whom

these presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas our noble Progenitor, Henry after the Conquest the Sixth, having information, that by reason of the losses and unfortunate casualties that happened to the men of the Mystery of the Cutlers of the City of London by Sea, they then were not able to live but by the benevolence of well disposed people; whereof he having a Princely consideration, did by his Letters Patents of his especial grace, grant and give license to the foresaid Cutlers of London, that they for ever after should have one perpetual Commonalty of themselves, and that the said Commonalty should choose, and make Richard Wellon Master of the Commonalty and Mystery aforesaid; and Martin Goddard and John Chad Wardens of the afore-

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aforesaid Commonalty and Mystery for one year: and so every year one Master and two Wardens of the men of the foresaid Commonalty and Mystery to survey and govern the said Mystery and Commonalty, and all persons and their works for ever.

And further of his meer grace did grant and give license for him and his Heirs to the foresaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, that they and their Successors, Masters, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery aforesaid for the time being, might purchase Lands, Tenements, and Rents to the value of 20 l per ann as by the said Letters Patents more at large appeareth.

And whereas the said Letters Patents have been by divers of our Noble Progenitors since that time allowed and confirmed, as by the several confirmations thereof likewise more at large ap-

peareth.

Now know ye, That we at the humble Petition of the Company of Cutlers of London, and the Suburbs thereof, for the better Rule and Government of the said Company, and every of them; and for the avoiding of divers deceips and abuses used in the said Mystery, to the great damage and loss of our loving Subjects, of our especial grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have willed, ordained, constituted and granted; and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do will, ordain, constitute and declare and grant, that all and singular the persons of the Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of the City of London and the Suburbs thereof, for ever hereafter are and shall be by virtue of these presents,

one Body Corporate and Politick in deed and name, by the name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London.

And them by the name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutters of London, We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, really and fully create, make, ordain, constitute and declare one body corporate

and politick in deed and name.

And that by the same name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, they shall and may have perpetual succession. And that they and their Successors by the name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, shall and may be for ever hercaster persons able and capable in Law to purchase, have, receive, and enjoy, Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, furisdictions, Franchises, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, of whatsoever kind, nature or quality they be to them and their Succesfors, in fee and perpetuity, or for term of life, lives, year or years, or otherwise, in what sort soever. And also ali manner of Goods, Chattels, and things whatsoever, of what name, nature or quality soever they be.

And also to give, grant, set, let, alien, assign and dispose of Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments; Goods, Chattels, and things what soever: And also to do and execute all and singular other Acts and things what soever by

the name aforesaid.

And that by the same name of Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of

London, they shall and may be able to plead, and be impleaded, to answer and be answered unto, to defend and be defended in all Courts and places whatsoever, and before whatsoever Judge or Iustices, or other persons and Officers of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, in all and singular Actions, Plaints, Pleas, Suits, matters and demands of whatsoever kind, nature, or quality they be, in the same manner and form as any other our Liege Subjects of this our Realm of England, being persons able and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate and Politick within this Realm of England, can or may have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, retain, give, grant, set, lett, alien, assign and dispose, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, do, permit, and execute.

And that they the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, for ever hereaster shall and may have a Common Seal to serve for the causes and businesses of them and their Successors; and that it shall be lawful for them and their Successors to change, break alter, and to make anew the said Seal from time to time at their pleasure as they shall

think best.

And further, We will, and by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, We do grant to the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutters of London aforesaid, and their Successors, that for ever hereafter there shall and may be one of the Commonalty and Mystery aforesaid in manner and form hereafter in these presents mentioned, chosen, and named which

which shall be, and be called the Master of the said Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London.

And that likewise there shall and may be Two of the said Commonalty and Mystery in manner and form hereaster in these presents expressed, chosen, and named, which shall be, and be called the Wardens of the said Commonalty of the My-

stery of Cutlers of London.

And also that there shall and may be Twenty of the Commonalty aforesaid in manner and form hereaster expressed, named, and sworn, which shall be, and be called the Assistants of the said Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and from time to time shall be affifting and aiding to the Master and Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery aforsaid for the time being in all causes, matters, and businesses touch-

ing or concerning the said Commonalty.

And further We will, and by these presents sor Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do grant unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master and Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or to the greater part of them, calling to them the most part of the Assistants for the time being, as often as they shall think it needful or expedient to Assemble, Convocate, and Congregate themselves together, at, and in their Hall, or any other convenient place within the City of London, or the Suburbs thereof, and there from time to time, and at all convenient times hereafter to entreat, confult,

consult, determine, constitute, ordain and make any Constitutions, Laws, Ordinances, Statutes, Articles and Orders what soever, which to them, or the greater part of them as is aforesaid, shall seem reasonable, profitable, or requisite, for touching or concerning the good Estate, Rule, Order, and Government of the said Commonalty of the said Mystery of the said Cutlers, as to them, according to their wisdom and discretion shall seem convenient; and in what order and manner the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the said Mystery, and all other person and persons using the said Mystery within the City of London, and the Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the same City shall demean and behave themselves, as well in all and fingular matters, causes, and things touching or concerning the said Mystery, or any thing therunto appertaining.

As also in their several Offices, Ministeries, Functions, and businesses touching or concerning the said Commonalty and Mystery as aforesaid, and all and fingular such Pains, Penalties, Punishments and Imprisonments of body, or by Fine or Amerciament, or by any of them, against or upon any Offender or Offenders which shall transgress, break, or violate the said Constitutions, Statutes, Laws, Ordinances or Orders so to be made, ordained, and established, or heretofore made, ordained, and established, or any of them to impose, provide, and limit. and the same, and every part thereof to ask, levy, take and receive by way of distress or otherwise, by any lawful ways or means, of or against the said Offender or Offenders, his or their Goods or Chattels, or any of them, as

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All which Laws, Orders, Ordinances, Constitutions, Institutions and Articles, so made or to be made, ordained and established, We will and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant and command to be from time to time, and at all times kept, obeyed and performed in all things, as the same aught to be, upon the pains, penalties and punishments in the same to be imposed, inflicted and limited: So as the same Laws, Statutes, Articles and Ordinances, pain:, penalties, imprisonments, Fines and Amerciaments be reasonable, and not repugnant or contrary to the Laws and Statutes of this our Realm of England, nor the landable customs of our City of London.

And for the better executing of this our Grant in that behalf, we have affigned, named, constituted and made, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, create, constitute and make our well-beloved Subject Thomas Porter, Citizen and Cutler of London, to be the present Master of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, to continue in the same Office until the Even of the Holy Trinity next following the date hereof, (if the said Thomas Porter shall so long live) and from thence until one other of the said Commonalty and Mystery shall be named and chosen unto the Office of Master of the said Commonalty and Mystery,

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in due manner, according to the Ordinances and Provisions hereaster in these presents mentioned

and expressed.

And also we have assigned, named, constituted and made, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, we do assign, name, constitute and make our well-beloved Subjects William Bagley and Thomas Cheshire, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the present Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the said Offices of Wardens until the said Even of the Holy Trinity, if the said William Bagley and Thomas Cheshire shall so long live; and from thence until two other of the said Commonalty and Mystery shall be chosen into the said Office of Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in these presents expressed and declared.

And we have affigned, named, constituted and made, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do assign, name, constitute and make our we'l-beloved Subjects Richard Haws, Thomas Green, John Gardiner, Thomas Asher, Oliver Pluncket, al. Plucker. George Ellis, Reynold Green, Christopker Hatsield, William Helie, John Beston, Henry Adams, Edward Andrews, Laurence Evans, John Johnson, Nathaniel Muthews, Miles Bancks, John Porter, and James Tackley, Citizens and Cutlers of London, to be the first and present Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, to continue in the said Office of Assistants during their natural lives, unless they or any one or more of them, shall for time be removed

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imqued for evil Government, or mis-behaving of him or themselves in the said Office or Offices of Assistant or Assistants, or for some other reasonable cause.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, we do grant unto the said Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, That the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Livery of the faid Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or the greater part of them as aforesaid, from time to time for ever hereafter, shall have full power and authority, yearly and every year upon the Even of the Holy Trinity; to elect and nominate one of the Freemen of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, which shall be Master of the said Commonalty and Mystery for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and from thence until one other of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, be chosen into the said Office of Master of the said Commonally and Mystery, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in these presents expressed and declared.

And that he which shall so be chosen and named into the same Office of Master of the said Commonalty and Mystery, before he be admitted to execute the said Office, shall take his corporal Oath before the Master of the said Commonalty and Mystery his predecessor, and the Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, well and truly to execute the said Office of the Master of the said Commonalty

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and Mystery, in all things concerning the said Office; and that after the said Oath so as aforesaid to be taken, he shall have and exercise the said Office for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and from thence until one other be chosen and sworn in form aforesaid, into the said Office of Master of the said Commonalty and Mystery, in manner and form before in these pre-

sents expressed.

And likewise that they may elect, nominate and chuse two other of the Freemen of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, which shall be Wardens for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and from thence until two other of the same Commonalty and Mystery be chosen and sworn unto the said Office of Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery, according to the Ordinances and Provisions in these

presents expressed and declared.

And that they which shall be so chosen and named into the said Office of Wardens of the faid Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, before they be admitted to execute the said Offices, shall take their corporal Oaths before the last Master and Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery, their last predecessors, well and truly to execute the said Office of Wardens, in all things touching and concerning the faid Offices: And that after such Oaths so as aforesaid to be taken, they shall and may exercise the said Offices for one whole year from thence next ensuing, and from thence until two other be chosen and sworn in form aforesaid into the said Offices of Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery, in manner and form before in these

presents expressed and declared.

And further we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the said Master, Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, That if it happen the Master and Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or any of them, to die, or otherwise for any reasonable cause to be removed or dismissed from his, their, or any of their Office or Offices of Master and Warden aforesaid, or any of them, within the year wherein they or any of them shall be so elected and chosen as is aforesaid; That then and so often it shall be lawful. to and for such and so many of the said Master, Wardens, Assistants and Livery, which shall be then living or remaining, or the greater part of them, at their pleasure to choose, make and swear one other of the said Commonalty and Mystery to be Master, Warden or Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery, according to the Ordinances and Provisions before in these presents expressed and declared; to execute and exercise the said Office of Master, or the said Offices of Warden or Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery, until the said Even of the Holy Trinity then next following, first taking their corporal Oaths in form as is aforesaid, and so often as the case shall require.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors we do grant to the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of Cutlers of London, and their Successors,

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that

that whensoever it happeneth, any of the said Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being to die or be removed from his or their Office or Offices: All which Assistants, and every or any of them we will shall be removable, and to be removed by the said Master and Wardens, and Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery, or the greater part of them in manner as asoresaid, sor evil Government, Mis-behaviour, or for any other reasonable cause, that then, and so often it shall and may be lawful to and for the said Master, Wardens, and so many of assistants which shall then survive or remain. or the greater part of them in manner as aforesaid, at their will and pleasure, from time to time to choose and name one other or more of the said Commonalty to be Affistant or Affistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery in his or their place and stead which shall so happen to die or be removed, as is aforesaid.

And that he and they which shall be so chosen and named to be Assistant or Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery as asoresaid, before that he or they, or any of them be admitted to his or their execution of the said Office or Offices of Assistant or Assistants shall take their Corporal Oaths before the Master and Wardens of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, well and truly to execute the said Office or Offices, and so as often as the case shall require.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutters of London and their Successors,

cessors, special License, and free and lawful power and authority to have, receive, and purchase to them and their Successors for ever, as well of us, our Heirs and Successors, as of any the Subject or Subjects of us, our Heirs or Successors whatsoever, Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Re-Etories, Tithes, Rents, Revenues, and other possessions and Hereditaments what soever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or Successors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service: So that all the said Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements and other Hereditaments whatsoever, so by them to be had, perceived, or purchased by virtue of these presents, do not exceed in the whole to clear the yearly value of one hundred Marks, the Statute of Lands and Tenements, not to be put into Mortmaine, or any other Statute; Act, Ordinance, Provision or Restraint, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And also we grant, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do give free, full, and lawful license, power, and authority to any the Subject or Subjects of us, our Heirs, or Successors whatsoever, and every of them, that they and every or any of them shall and may be able to give, grant, assign, or by any other lawful ways or means whatsoever, alien, devise, or assign, to the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, any Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rectories, Tythes, Rents, Reversions, Services, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, which are not held of us, our Heirs or Succeffors

cessors immediately in chief, nor by Knights Service: So that the same Mannors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and other Hereditaments whatsoever, so as aforesaid to be given, granted, sold, aliened or devised, do not exceed in the whole the clear value of one hundred Marks by the year: The Statutes of Lands and Tenements not to be put in Mortmaine, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision or Restrain, or any other cause, matter, or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise not with standing.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, do grant to the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, that they and their Successors shall and may have one honest and discreet person in manner and form hereafter in these presents to be chosen and named which shall be, and be called the Clerk of the said Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of

Liondon.

And we have affigned, constituted, made, named and ordained; and by these presents, for us and our Heirs and Successors, do assign, constitute, make, name and ordain our well-beloved Subject Thomas Jadwyn to be the first and present Clerk of the said Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London, to continue in the said Office during the term of his natural life, except he shall be removed by the Master, Wardens, and Assistants for the time being, or the greater part of them for evil Government, or for any other reasonable cause, and that from time to time, and at all times after the death or removing of the

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faid Thomas Jadwyn, the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or the greater part of them, shall and may choose and make one other discreet person to be Clerk of the said Commonalty and Mystery; and that the said Clerk now named, as also he which shall be chosen and made to be Clerk of the said Commonalty and Mystery after the death or removing of the said Thomas Jadwyn, as is aforesaid, shall and may exercise and enjoy the said Office of Clerk of the said Commonalty and Mystery during the good will and pleasure of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or the greater part of them in manner as aforesaid.

And that every one of the said Clerks so named, or to be named and appointed from time to time as aforesaid shall take his or their Corporal Oath or Oaths before the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being, or the greater part of them, well and truly to execute the Office of Clerk of the said Commonalty and Mystery in all things appertaining to the said Office, according to his skill and knowledge; and so from time to time as often as the case shall require.

And further, of our more special grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, we have granted and confirmed, and by these presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, we do ratisse and confirm unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the said Commonalty and Mystery of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, and all man-

ner Liberties, Franchises, Immunities, Exemptions, Jurisdictions, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments whatsoever, which the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of their Predecessors, by what name or names soever, or by virtue of what Incorporation soever, now have, hold, use and enjoy, or heretofore have had, held, used or enjoyed by reason or force of any of the Charters or Letters Patents of any of our Progenitors or Predecessors, Kings or Queens of England, by any manner of means heretofore made or granted, or by any other means, right, title, use, custom or prescription heretofore had, used or accustomed, although the same, or any of them heretofore have not been used, or have been abused, evil used or discontinued; and although the same or any of them have been forfeited or lost.

To have and to hold the same Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchises, Jurisdictions, and other the Premisses before by these presents granted unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Cutlers of London, and their Successors, for ever to be held of us, our Heirs and Successors, by such, the same and the like Rents, Services, and sums of money, as the same were formerly holden, and not otherwise: Wherefore we will, and by these presents do straitly charge and command for us, our Heirs and Successors, that the faid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the said Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London and their Successors, shall and may have, hold, and enjoy for ever, all the said Messuages, Lands,

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Lands, Tenements, Liberties, Authorities, Jurisdictions and Franchises aforesaid, according to the tenor and effect of these our Letters Patents, without the lett or hinderance of us, our Heirs or Successors, or of any Justices, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Officers or Ministers of us, our Heirs or Successors whatsoever; willing that neither the said Master, Wardens, or Commonalty, nor any of them, by reason of the Premisses, or any of them, by us, our Heirs or Successors, the Justices, Sheriffs, Escheators, or other Bailiffs or Ministers of us, our Heirs or Successors whatsoever, be thereof hindered, molested, vexed, grieved, or in any wise troubled; willing, and by these presents, charging and commanding as well our Treasurer, Chancellor, and Barons of our Exchequer at Westminster, and other the Judges and Justices of us, our Heirs and Successors; as also our Attorney or Solicitor General for the time being, and every of them, and all other our Officers and Ministers whatsoever; that neither they, nor any of them do prosecute, or continue, or cause to be prosecuted or continued any Writ or Summons of (quo Warranto) or any other Writ, Writs, or Process whatsoever, against the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of them, for any Cause, Thing, Matter, Offence, Claim or Usurpation, or any of them, by them, or any of them, claimed, attempted, used, had or usurped before the making of these presents; willing also, that the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty, or any of them, by any of the Justices, Officers, or Ministers aforesaid, in or for the due use, claim, or abuse of any Liberties, Franchises or Jurisdictions

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ctions within the said City of London or Suburbs, thereof, before the making of these presents, be not molested, troubled, or hindered, or compelled

to answer to them, or any of them.

And further, we will, and by these presents for us, our Heirs and Successors, for the better order, rule, and government of all and singular person and persons which now do use, or hereaster shall use the Mystery, Art, or Trade of Cutters within the said City of London, or Suburbs thereof; and within three miles of the said City we do give and grant to the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty of the Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London, and their Successors, that the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the said Commonalty and Mystery for the time being for ever hereafter shall have the oversight, view, search, correction and government of all and singular persons what soever occupying, exercising, or using the (and Mystery, Art or Trade of Cutlers within the said City of London, and Suburbs thereof, and within three miles of the said City, as well within places exempt as not exempt; and shall have power and authority by virtue of these presents, according to the Laws of the Realm to punish and correct, or cause to be punished and corrected offendors for their Offences, Deceits, Falshoods, Abuses, or Misdemeanors in the false, insufficient and deceitful occupation or use of the Mystery, Art, or Trade of Cutlers aforesaid, according to their demerits in that behalf.

Wherefore we will, and by these presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do straitly charge and command all and singular Mayors, fustices, Sheriffs,

Sheriffs, Constables, and all other the Officers, Ministers, and Subjects of us, our Heirs and Succesfors what soever, that they and every of them be aiding, helping, assisting, and comforting, to the said Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Commonalty and Mystery of Cutlers of London aforesaid for the time being, and every of them, to do, enjoy, have, and execute all and fingular thing and things whatsoever by us before by these presents granted unto the said Master, Wardens, and Commonalty aforesaid, and every or any part or parcel thereof, according to the tenor and true meaning of these presents, although express mention of the true yearly value or certainty of the Premisses, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants by us or any of our Progenitors of Prcdecessors to the aforesaid Master, Wardens, and Commonalty heretofore made in these presents is not made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Provision, Proclamation or Restraint to the contrary hereof had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any wise notwithstanding.

In witness whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. Witness our Self at Westminster the 8th. day of July, in the fifth year of our Reign, of England, France, and Ireland,

and of Scotland the Fortieth.

Per breve de privat' Sigillo, &c.

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Thus I have given you a true account of the Cutlers Charter of Incorporation, wherein is given them great Power and Authority in the affairs of that Mystery: And for their further encouragement, divers Acts of Parliament have been made (and are now in force) for prohibiting the Importation of several Works (belonging to the same Trade) wrought in Foreign parts; as Stat. 3 Edw. 4.4. and Stat. 1 Rich 3. 12. and Stat. 5 Eliz. 7. and part of Stat. 14 Car. 2.11. all which I will here cite verbatim, (viz.)

Stat. 3 Edw. 4. cap. 4.

Tem, Whereas in the said Parliament, by the Artificers of manual Occupations, men and women inhabiting and resident in the City of London, and other Cip ties, Towns, Burroughs and Villages within the same Realm of England and Wales, it hath ben pitcoully thewed and complained, how that all thep in general, and everyof them, be greatly impovershed, and much hindred and prejudiced of their lworldly increase and daily living, by the great multitudes of divers Commodities and Wares pertaining to their Apsteries and Occupations, being fully widught and ready made to sale, as well by the hands of Strangers being the Kings Enemies, as other in this Realm and Wales, ketched and brought from beyond the Sea, as well by Aberchant Strangers as Denizens, and other persons, whereof the greatest part in sub= substance is deceitful and nothing worth, in regard of any mans Occupation or Profit; by which occasion the said Artificers cannot live by their Appseries and Occupations, as they have done in times past, but divers of them, as well Pousholders as Pirelings, and other Servants and Apprentices in great numbers, be at this day unoccupied, and do hardly live, in great misery, poverty and need, wherehy many inconveniences have grown before this time, and hereafter more be like to come, (which God desend) if due remedy be not in this behalf provided.

Our redoubted Sovereign Lozd the King considering the premises, and willing in this case to provide remedy, by the Advise, Assent and Authority asoresaid, hath or

dained, enaced and established,

That no Merchant, bozn Subject of our said Lozd the King, Denizen noz Stranger, noz other person, after the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel next coming. Mall bzing, send noz convey, noz cause to be brought, sent nor sonveped into this Realm of England, and Seigniozp of Wales, any of the Chaffers, Wares or Things underwritten; that is to say, any wollen Caps, wolled Cloths, Laces, Corles, Kibbands, Fringes of Silk and of Thied, Laces of Thred, Silk twined, Silk in any wise emhzoidered, Laces of Gold, of Silk or Gold, Saddles, Stirrups, or any Parnels pertaining to Saddles, Spars, Bosses for Bridles.

dles, Andirons, Gzidirons, any manner of Locks, Hammers, Pinsons, Fire-Tongs, Dzippingspans, Dice, Cennis halls, Points, Purses, Gloves, Birdles, Harness for Girdles of Iron, Laten, Steel, Tin, or of Alkmine, any thing wrought of any tawed Leather, aup tawed Furs, Bulcans, Shwes, Galoches or Corks, Knives, Daggers, Woodsknives, Bookins, Shers for Taplors, Scissars, Razors, Chels-men. Playing-Cards, Combs, Pattens, Pack-núdles, any Painted Ware, Forcers, Calkets, Kings of Copper or of Laten gilt, Chasing-dishes, Hanging-Candlesticks; Caffing-balls, Sacring-balls, Kings toz Curtains, Ladies, Scummers, counterkeit Balons, Ewers, Hats, Brushes, Cards foz Woll, black Fron Thred, commonly called and named White Wier, or annof those Wares or Chaffers to be uttered and sold within the same Realm of England, oz in the Country of Wales, by way of Merchandize, upon pain to forfeit the same ABerchandizes, at every time, and as often as then map be found in the hands of any person to be sold.

The one half of the same forseitures to be paid to the use of our Lord the King, and the other half to him that will first seize the same for the King; the same half by him so seized for our Lord the King, to be delivered by the said seizer thereof to the Escheator of the Country or place, where the same seizen thall be made, by In-

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swer thereunto in his Accompt.

Provided always, that if any of the said Wares or Chaffers made out of this Land, be taken upon the Sea, without fraud or collusion, or come in this Realm of England, or the Country of Wales, by way of Wreck, that those be in no wise taken within this Na or Statute, but that they may be sold within this Realm of England, or Wales, this Act or Statute notwithstanding.

Provided also, that all Wares and Chaffers made and wrought in the Land of Ireland, or Wales, may be brought and sold in this Realm of England, as they were wont before the making of this Statute,

this Aa oz Statute notwithstanding.

Also our Lozd the King hath ozdained and established, by the Assent and Authority afozesaid, That the Masters and War= dens for the time being of every Craft and Mystery, in every City, Bozough, Town and Village, where any such Craft oz Mystery is used or occupied, shall have sufficient power and authority in every such City, Town, Bozough and Willage. where then for the time being hall be Wars vens or Masters of any such Craft or App= sterp; and the Mayoz of such City, Bos rough, Town oz Village, foz the time being, if any Mayor be, or the Bayliffs or Bapliff of any such City, Bozough, Town 02 Village, for the time being, if any Bap= liffs or Bayliff there be; And no Mayor

oz Serjeant, oz any other Officer to them alligned, ky the said Mapoz, Bayliss oz Baylist, in every such City, Bozough, Town and Dillage, where any such Craft oz Appsterp is used oz occupied, where no súch Masters nor Mardens of any such Craft oz Mysterp be, that the Masters oz Wardens of the Crafts and Mysterics of the City, Town, Bozough oz Village next adjouning to the same, and the Constable of such City, Bozough, Town oz Village, Mall have power and authority to search in their own Crafts and Mysteries, and in all other Crafts and Mysteries, uttering by way of sale any sitte aforesaid Wares, as well within Cicres, Vozoingys, Towns and Villages of the same Realm of England, and of the Country of Wales, as within the Liberties and Franchise of the same Cities, Boroughs, Towns and Villages, at all times reasonable by the day, at Fairs and Markets, Shops open and Ware houses, all such manner of Wares, Chaffers and Merchandizes, pertaining to every of their proper Crafts and Apsteries, which shall be made by any Alien Artificer, man oz wo= man, or any other person or persons within the same Reasm of England oz Wales, oz which at any time thall be occupied by any of the said Crafts oz Apsteries, in whose hands soever they may be found.

Provided also, that the said Masters, Wardens, and other named in the said Ordinance to be searchers, shall not enter

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into any place exempted by Pziviledge, Franchise or Custom, to make in the same any search as is aforesaid, but by the oversfifth of some Officer of every such place so exempt, where any such search shall sappen to be made. (This to be in force so long as shall please the King.)

And if the said searchers by the same search do find that such Chaffers, Wares oz Aperchandizes; oz ann part thereof, be not pure, lawful, and able Chaffers Wares or Merchandizes, and duly wrought and made as they

ought to be, and that sufficiently proved.

Chat then it hall be lawful to such searchers, to take and seize all such Chaffers, Wares and Merchandizes, which shall so be found not god, pure, lawful oz able, noz well wrought, as a thing soficit: The one half of the same forfeiture to be paid to the use of our Lozd the King, and the other half thereof to such Masters or Wardens which so shall make search and sind the same.

Stat. 1 Rich, 3. cap. 12.

Tem, It was thewed in the same Parlia, ment by the Artificers of the said Realm of England, as well of the City of London, as of other Cities, Towns, Bozougus and Villages of the same Realm, that is to say, Girdlers, Point, makers, Pinners, Our, sers, Blovers, Joyners, Painters, Card, makers, Miermongers, Weapers, Hozeners, Bottle-makers and Copper-smiths, O2

that whereas they were wont in times past to be greatly set awozk and occupied in the said Crasts, for the sustenance of themselves, their Wives, Children, Apprentices, and Servants, and many other

of the Kings Subjeas.

Jow so it is, that by Werehant Strangers, Denizing and others, there is brought into these parts from beyond the Seas, to be sold within this Realm of England, as much Wares as may be wrought and made by the Artificers above repearled, that by reason thereof the people of frange Countries where the said Wares be made, be greatly occupied and increased, and the said Artificers in this Realm greatly impoverished, and without the Kings grace shewed to them in this behalf, are like to be undone soy lack of

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Our said Sovercign Lord the King considering the premises, by the Advice and Assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and at the prayer of his-Commons in the said Parliament assembled, and by Authority of the same, hath ordained and provided, That no Merchant Stranger, after the Feast of Easter next coming, shall bring into this Kealm of England, to be sold, any manner of Girdles, nor Parness wrought for Girdles, Points, Leather Laces, Purses, Pouches, Pins, Gloves, Knives, Hangers, Eaplors Shars, Scisars, Androns, Colbards, Tongs, Firestorks,

Gzidirons, Stock-locks, Kens, Pinges, and Garnets, Spurs, painted Glasses, painted Pozcers, painted Images, painted Cloths, beaten Gold oz beaten Silver wought, in papers foz Painters, Saddles, Saddlestræs, Hoses Parnels, Boots, Bitts, Stirrups, Buckles, Chains, Laten nails with Aron Manks, Turnets, Panging Candlesticks, Poly-water-stops, Chasting-dickes, Pauging Lavers, Curtain-rings, Cards foz wooll, Koan-Cards, (except Clasps foz Garments) Shærs, Buckles for Shooes, Bzoches oz Spits, Pawks-bells, Tin and Leaden Spoons, Wier of Laten and Fron, Iron Candlesticks, Geates, Hoins soz Lanthorns, or any of the said Wares, made and wrought, pertaining to the Crafts above specified, or any of them, upon pain to forfeit all the said Wares so brought into this Realm contrary to this Act, or the value of the same, in mose hands they or any of them thall be found: The one half of such Fines and Fozseirures to be to the King, and the other half to him of them that shall seize of pursue for the same, by Action of Debt, by Writ or Till at the Common Law, oz by Bill oz Plaint, after the custom of the City o: Town where any such Fines, Forfeitures and Penalsties thall hereafter happen to be or fall: And that the Defendant in such Action be not admitted to wage his Law, noz that any Protection or Essoin of the Kings Service.

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Stat. 5 Eliz. cap. 7.

this Realm of England, (as well within the City of London, as within other Cities, Towns, and Bozoughs of the same Realm) that is to wit, Girdlers, Cutlers, Saddlers, Glovers, Joint-makers, and such like Pandicrasts-men, have hen in their said Faculties greatly wrought, and greatly set on work as well for sustentation of themselves, their Wives and Families, as so; a good education of a great part of Yourh of this Realm, in good Art and laudable Exercise, besides the manifold benefits that by means or by reason of their Knowledges, Inventions, and continual Travel, daily and universally came to the said Realm.

Wer notwithstanding so now it is, that by reason of the abundance of foreign Wares brought into this stealm from the parts beyond the Seas, the said Artificers are not only less occupied, and thereby utterly imposerished, the Bouth not trained in the said Sciences and Exercises, and thereby the said Faculties, and the exquisite knowledges thereof, like in short time within this scalm to decay, but also divers Cities and Cowns within this Scalm

Healm of England much thereby impaired, the whole Realm greatly endamaged, and other Countries notably inriched, and the people thereof well set on work, to their Commodities and Livings in the Arts and Sciences asoresaid, and to the great discouragement of skilful Workmen of this Realm, being in very ded nothing inferiour to any Stranger in the Faculties

afozesaid.

Poz reformation whereof, be it enaced by our Sovereign Lady the Queng Highnels, and by the Loids Spiritual and Tempozal, and the Commons of this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever, from oz after the Feast of the Pativity of St. John Baptist now next ensuing, hall bzing oz cause to be bzought into this Realm of England, from the parts of beyond the Seas, any Birdies, Parnels for Birdles, Rapiers, Daggers, Knives, Hilts, Pommels, Lockets, Chapes, Dagger-Blades, Handles, Scabbards, and Sheaths for Knives, Saddles, Pogle-Parnels, Stirrups, Bitts, Gloves, Points, Leather Laces or Pins, being ready made, or wrought in any parts beyond the Seas, to be sold, barstered or exchanged within this Realm of England, or Wales; upon sain to forfeit all such Wares so to be brought, contrary to the true meaning of this Aa, in whose hands toever they or any of them shall be found, or the very value thereof.

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The one half of the Forfeitures to be to our Sovereign Lady the Quéns High-nels, her Peirs and Successors, and the other moiety thereof to him or them that will seize the same, or sue therefore in any Court of siccord of the Quens Apicsip. her Peirs and Successors, by Asion of Debt, Bill, Plaint, Information or other wise, suggest no Wager of Law, Choin or Protection, shall be to him or them allowed.

Stat. 14 Car. 2. cap. 11. the branches thereof to our purpose are verbatim thus.

A Do it thall be lawful to or for any perfon or perfons, authorized by Writ of Unifiance under the Scal of his Majestics Court of Erchequer, to take a Constable, Beadborough, or other publick Officer inhabiting near unto the place, and in the day time, to enter and go into any Poule, Shop; Cellar, Ware-house or Koom, or other place; and in rase of renstance, to break open Doors, Chesis, Trunks; and other Package, there to seize, and from thence to kring any kind of Goods or Merchandize whatsoever Prohibited, and Uncustomed, and to put and secure the same in his Majesties Store-house in the Port next to the place where such seizure thall be made.

And fozasmuch as it doth appear by daily experience, That there are great pzacises and combinations between the Im-

Importers and Owners of Goods and Merchandizes, and the Seizers and Infozmers, with design and intent to destrand the force of the Law, and his Majesty of his Outies and Customs: Be it enaacd by the Authority aforesaid, That no Ship or Ships, Goods, Wares of Merchandizes, shall beseized as fozseited, foz oz by reason of unlawful Importation or Exportation, into oz out of this Kingdom of England, Dos minion of Wales, oz Pozt and Town of Berwick, oz any the Pozts, Members oz Créks thereunto belonging, or for not payment of any Custyus of Sublidies now due, of hereafter to bedue and payable to his Majesty, but by the person of persons who are of hall be appointed by his Majesty to mas nage his Customs, or Officers of his Majesties Customs for the time being, or such other person of persons as chall bedeputed and authorized thereunto, by Warrant from the Lozd Treasurer oz Ander-Treas surer, oz by special Commission from his Majesty under the Great or Privy Seal: And it any seizure shall hereafter be made by any other person or persons whatsoever, for any the causes aforesaid, such seizure thall be void and of none effect, any Statute, Law, Aa oz Provision to the contrary in any wife notwithstanding.

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At the Court at Whitehal!, June 6. 1673. Present,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

His Royal Highness the
Duke of York.
Lord Chancellor.
Lord Treasurer.
Lord Privy Seal.
Duke of Lauderdale.
Duke of Ormand.
Earl of Ogle.
Lord Chamberlain.
Earl of Bridgewater.
Earl of Carlisle.
Earl of Craven.
Earl of Arlington.

Earl of Carbery.
Vicount Hallifax.
Lord Maynard.
Lord Newport.
Lord Eerkley.
Lord Holles.
Mr. Secretary Coventry.
Mr. Chanceller of the
Exchequer.
Mr. Chancellor of the
Dutchy.
Mr. of the Ordinance.
Sir Tho. Ofborne.

Master Speaker:

of Parliament, his Majesty was humbly defired by his own example to encourage the constant wearing of the Manusactures of his own Kingdoms and Dominions, and to discountenance such persons, Men or Women in his Majesties Court, as should wear any Manusactures made in Forein Countries: and that pursuant hereunto his Majesty had graciously declared, that he would not only do it by his own example, but would discountenance all other persons that should wear Foreign Manusactures: and that his Majesty

Majesty had given order to the Lord Treasurer to direct the Commissioners of the Customs, to cause all goods of Forein Manufacture prohibited by Law to be seized, at what Port, or on whose account soever they shall be imported into this Kingdom; and that his Lordship shall grant no Warrant for the release of them. And whereas upon the Petition of the Silk-Weavers of London, presented to his Majesty in Council, setting forth that they have attained to great skill in contriving and making of Silks and Stuffs figured and plain, and that if due encouragement were given to them, and to several other Manual Trades by prohibiting the Importation of Forein Manufactures, they should increase and flourish; his Majesty was pleased to declare, and accordingly then gave order to the Master of his Robes, that he should not prepare for his Majesties use in his wearing Apparel, any kind of Silks or Stuffs wrought out of his own Dominions, nor any Ribbands, Gloves, Hats, or other things, for his wearing, which were manufactured beyond the Seas, unless as hereafter excepted: And likewise that the Lord Chamberlain of his Majesties Houshold should take care and give due order that no person or persons should presume to come into his Majesties presence, wearing any of the things aforesaid being of Forein Manusacture, nor any other whatever, unless as followeth; namely, the Lace commonly called Point de Venice, which may be worn by any until the first day of May next, and no longer; as also Linen and Callicoes, and such other wearing things, as by our own Trade are imported from the East-Indies.

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Command and Orders may be publickly taken notice of, and the more exactly obeyed, it is this day further ordered by his Majesty in Council, that the Right Honorable the Lord Treasurer do renew his Orders to the Commissioners of the Customs, that they direct the seizure and consistant of all manner of Forein wearing Marrifatures that are prohibited by Law, and to cause his Majesties part thereof to be publickly burnt, that so the Petitioners, his Majesties Subjects, may find all due encouragement and advantage in the prosecution of their several Trades and Callings: And that this Order is to be Printed and affixed in all the Ports and Custom-houses of England.

Robert Southwell.

Notwithstanding all which provisions made by authority (by reason of some defects therein) there hath been, and now are manifold abuses and discouragement in this Mystery of Cutlery, that the same is much decayed, and like to be utterly lost; and thereby not only great numbers of his Majesties Subjects deprived of so excellent and exceeding necessary way of employment, but the safety of this Kingdom much obstructed, unless timely care be taken for procuring remedy therein.

To which purpose I humbly offer to the consideration of those in Authority, whether a Law

may be made to this effect, (viz.)

First, That all and every person what soever now insing or exercising, or that shall hereafter use or exercise

exercise the Trade or Mystery of Cutlers within the City of London, and three miles compass of the same City, having been bound before the Master or Wardens of any Corporation. &c, in the City of London, and served Apprentiships thereto the space of seven years at the least, to be admitted and enjoyned within one month after their using or exercising the said Trade or Mystery, to take the freedom of the City of London, and to enter him or themselves into the Corporation of Cutlers of the said City in the same manner, and upon the same conditions, as before is mentioned in the like case of the Goldsmiths of London.

Secondly, That the Statutes for prohibiting the Forein wrought Manufactures, be supplied with this further Authority, (viz.) that at the seizing any such prohibited Works or Wares, the same to be appraised, and only the value thereof (considering the same as Wares lawful) to be forfeit to the King, and the Seizer; and the Works or Wares to be utterly defaced, broken, and spoiled, to prevent their being used amongst us.

Thirdly, That it be now enacted to prohibit Forein wrought blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, after a certain space of time, as at the end of seven years or more, under the like penalties as other prohibited works of the said Mystery.

And that in the mean time no Sword-blades, Rapier-blades, Hanger-Blades, nor Cimiter-blades, be exposed to sale, sold, exchanged, nor bartered in any place in London, or three miles compass of the same City, by any Trader therein, unless those Blades be first brought to Cutlers-Hall in London, and there Assayed, by the Master and Wardens of that Mystery

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or their Deputy or either of them, which if good to be by them or either of them marked with a mark (allowed them for that purpose) and all defective and unserviceable blades (so brought) to break and spoil, and all to be done and returned to the owners in convenient time, upon susselved penalty for every such blade exposed to sale, sold, exchanged, or

bartered, not tried and marked as aforesaid.

Fourthly, That no manner of Foreign-vrought blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters be exposed to sale, sold, exchanged, or bartered, in any place (out of the said City, and three miles compass) within this Realm, by any Traders therein, unless those Blades be first Assayed by the Master and Wardens of the Cutlers and their Deputy, or either of them, in every City, Burrough, and Town (where any Cutlers be dwelling) at a certain place and time to be appointed in each City, Burrough and Town, and if good, to be by them, or either of them. marked with their Mark allowed as aforesaid: And all desective and unserviceable blades to break and spoil upon a suitable penalty for every such blade exposed to sale, sold, exchanged or bartered, not tryed and marked as aforesaid.

Fifthly, That after the set t mo for trying and imarking all Forein-wrought Blades aforesaid already imported, no borein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, or Cimiters, to be imported during the time limited (for importing the same) but only at the City of London, and be brought to Cutlers-Hall to be Assayed and Marked as aforesaid.

Sixthly, That there be a convenient charge imposed upon all Forein-wrought Blades of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers and Cimiters that are already imported, ported, and that shall be henceforward imported; tried, and Marked as aforesaid, during the time limited for Importing the same. Which charge to be taken and received by the said Master and Wardens, or one of them, to the use of that Corporation; and to be by them set apart for raising a Stock for the setting up the Manufacture of making the Blades aforesaid in this Kingdom, and to no other use whatsoever: and the government and regulating that Manufacture to be by the said Corporation of Cutlers, and none other.

Seventhly, That the Master and Wardens of the Company of Cutlers, or either of them, be impowered to have the view, search, Tryal, and Regulation of all works of or belonging to their Mystery, in all and every place throughout England, amongst all persons what soever, making, selling, exposing to sale, exchanging or bartering the same; and to mark the good Wares, and seize, brake, and spoil all unlawful, false or insufficient Works or Wares belonging to their Trade or Mystery, and to impose such Fine or Fines as may be convenient upon the Offenders.

Eighthly, That all persons not opening all places in the Shops, and Work-houses, and Ware-houses, or not giving free liberty of search, and to execute the Authority of the Master and Wardens of the Cutlers; to pay 51. for every such offence, half to the King,

and half to the Corporation.

Ninthly, That the Master and Wardens of the Cutlers, and their Deputy be required to take an Oath at the entrance into their Offices, for their true and saithful executing the same, to the best of their skill and knowledge, so long as they continue therein, not to spare any person for savour nor affection, nor grieve any for hatred or malice.

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Tenthly, That no person or persons whatsoever may hereafter make, sell, expose to sale, exchange or barter within this Realm, any Hilt, Pommel, or other Work made of Brass or Copper belonging to a Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or Cimiter, upon a sutable penalty; and all such Works to be broke and utterly

defaced.

Eleventhly. That the counterfeiting, or the caufing to be counterfeited the lawful Mark or Marks of any Corporation of any Manual Trade or Mystery, or the lawful Mark or Marks of any Master-worker of any Manual Trade or Mystery within this Realm, by any ways or means what soever; on any the proper works of the Trade of such person or Corporation whose Mark or Marks are counterfeited, to be punished with the Pillory, and a fine, according to the merit of the offence.

Some Reasons humbly offered for the aforesaid Proposals, (Viz.)

Mystery of Cutlers in and about London, are very few of them Members of that Corporation, whereby it frequently happens, that the principal Officers therein have little or no skill to perform the duty of those places, and by consequence be supposed very little, or not at all, to correct and prevent the abuses in the works of that Mystery: and the persons exercising that Mystery, and being no Free-men or Members of that Corporation, are not under the Government thereof, and therefore will resuse to obey those wholesome Laws and Ordinances as the Corporation shall find

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find necessary to make for the better regulating

and government of their Trade.

For the second, That notwithstanding several works of the Mystery of Cutlery Forein wrought are prohibited; yet by reason the Seizers are not authorized and enjoyned not only to seize, but also to deface and utterly destroy the same; those works are as frequently imported, sold, and bartered amongst us as ever. For instance,

Suppose twenty dozen of Forein wrought Hilts be seized according to the Statute & Eliz. 7. one half thereof is forfeit to the King, and the other half to the Seizer; and when condemned, what will be done with them? they will and must be sold amongst the Cutlers to pay the King and the Seizer, and so will pass under the name of seized and condemned Goods, and by that means are and will be secured from being questioned any more in like manner by any person whatsoever. Now here is that which marrs all; for under the name of those twenty dozen of seized and condemned Hilts will a hundred dozen or more of Forein wrought Hilts be brought in by stealth, and fold amongst us, which all the care and cunning imaginable (as our Laws are) cannot prevent: And thus it is with most other prohibited Manufactures, but the totally breaking and spoiling the same, as aforesaid, would perfectly cure this mischief.

For the 3; 4, 5, 7, and 8.

1. The Kingdom will then be furnished with weapons securely good and serviceable: And,

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2. It will furely be granted that the Corporation of Cutlers will be the most proper judges of all Wares belonging to their Mystery, and the King and Kingdom may with confidence rely upon the judgment and integrity of that Corporation, who for their own honour, and good of their Company, will certainly see the Kingdom wellserved: and upon any miscarriage the King, or any person will know where to complain, or have any account of what they desire

3. It is notoriously known, that for want of this power (of searching, trying, and marking the works) occasions great mischiefs and deceits in the Kingdom, as well by our own Artists, as from abroad, by making and vending salse wares, and such as upon tryal, are not fit for use and service.

4. This liberty increases the number of bad Workmen, which are but burthensome and inconwenient, and destroys good ones, who are compell'd, either to afford or sell their good works at the same price as bad, or else make as bad as others, or have no Trade: and unless a penalty be imposed for resusing to open all places in the Shops, Work-houses, Ware-houses, and other places where the works of the Cutlers Trade are kept, the authority of searching, and the labour and endeavours of the Master and Wardens will be in vain; for it is the natural inclination and study of the Makers and sellers of false works, not only to get knowledge of the time in which the searchers will come, but also keep and conceal their false works in private places under lock and key: and the authority of imposing a penal-ty of 54. in this case may be conceived the more reasonreasonable, it being given to the several Corporations of Girdlers, Sadlers, Cordwainers, and Curriers by the Statute 1 fac. 21. and by long experience thereof, sound very wholesome, and of so excellent use, that it continues still in sorce.

For the fixth, That the setting up and encouraging the Manufacture of Sword-Blades, &c. in England as aforesaid, would remedy and prevent

these inconveniencies following, (viz.)

abroad at such prices as they upon consideration of our necessities or their own stock) will put upon them.

2. That we are compell'd to take any Wares

of this kind, though never so defective.

3. That our own people want employment, and so become chargeable to the Kingdom, when

otherwise they might live well.

4. It appears that when this Manufacture was begun here, and likely to be encouraged, the Merchants from beyond Sea brought in great quantities of untried blades at lower prices than ordinary, which was partly the destruction of the work here.

Manufacture here, nor any Officers to try and approve what is imported, (as in other parts beyond the Seas they have) that the worst and most defective Blades of Swords, Rapiers, &c. are brought hither.

6. That a good foundation and due encouragement hath not hitherto been made for the setting up this Manusacture; when 'tis well known, the Artists of this Kingdom did formerly make, and

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would be now (with little experience) in the same capacity to make as good and serviceable of these sorts, as any be in the world; especially here being all conveniencies to that purpose, as good as any in Forein parts: Then how are we overseen to be thus remiss, and so freely to leave the benefit of working the great quantities we use, to be wholly pollest by Strangers abroad. And besides that lots, may it not be supposed that we may be in War with all our neighbour Nations; or at least Zollingen (the place where they are now chiefly made, may be in our enemies hands, and we (not in condition to supply this Kingdom by the Artists within us) for want of these weapons, be brought to great extremity.

That Forein wrought Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimiter-Blades are not prohibited by the Statute & Eliz. 7. aforecited, take these Rea-Sons, (viz.)

r. That no particular mention is made of them in that Statute, and in all penal Statutes, the

Letter is strictly to be regarded.

2. That Dagger-Blades are therein particularly prohibited, they being then frequently made in England, but not the other Blades; therefore

those not prohibited.

3. That Sword, Rapier, Hanger, or Cimiter-Blades are not comprehended, and so not prohibited under that name of Rapiers: for the general term of Rapiers is mentioned, for that, Hilts, Pommels, &c are particularly prohibited, they being execllently well made amongst us; and those

particulars being joyned together, do (in the common acceptation) lose their particular terms, and are called by the general names of Swords, Rapiers, C.c. so that Rapiers are not mentioned for the intent of prohibiting Sword, Rapier, Hanger, Cimiter-Blades, but to essectually prohibit Hilts, Pommels, Lockets, Chepes, C.c. and are therefore mentioned both by their particular and general terms.

4. That if the makers of that Statute had intended that the general term of Rapiers should comprehend all the particular parts of that weapon, then surely they would not have mentioned the Hilts, Pommels, Lockets, Chepes, &c. they being particular parts thereof, as well as the

Blades.

5. That the particulars are not comprehended nor prohibited under the general terms of any Wares, take this instance in Statute 14 Car. 2. cap. 13. which forbids the bringing into this Realm any Bone-lace, Cut-work, Imbroideries, Fringe, Band strings, Buttons or Needle work, made of Thred or Silk, or either of them, in parts beyond the Seas: Now observe, the gene. ral terms are Bone-lace, &c. they may not be imported, but Thred, and Silk, and the rest of the particulars, of which Bone-lace, &c. are made, may (and its very well known to) be freely Imported. Thus all Forein wrought Swords, Rapiers, &c. are prohibited under the general term of Rapiers; and all Forein wrought Bone-lace, &c. under the general term of Bone-lace, &c., but Forein wrought, Sword, Rapier, Hanger, and Cimiter Blades, although positive Works of the Cut-

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lers Trade, and the particular parts of Swords, Rapiers, Hangers, and Cimiters, they being not particularly mentioned, are not prohibited; so Thred, Silk, &c. although they are positive works of the Trades they relate unto, and the material particulars of Bone-lace, &c. yet not being particularly mentioned, are not prohibited, but may, and are frequently brought in and sold amongst us, and not in the least interrupted as Forein wrought prohibited Wares.

Further to the sixth, touching the charge upon Forein wrought and Imported Blades.

1. The Corporation have not stock to perform that work, it being a great undertaking, will require a great and continued sum which must be mannaged so as to answer to l. per cent. per ann. (besides the charge of the Work) to bear the loss in bad debts, and other casualties incident to all Trading.

2. A small imposition on the particulars may in the whole amount to a considerable sum; up on the security of which, and the credit of the Corporation, may be raised a sufficient stock to

immediately set up the work.

That it is undeniably best and sittest, and will be the more prosperous to be mannaged by the Corporation, for these reasons.

First, For that they being sk'lful in the affair, will know how to direct the mannagement thereof to the best advantage, and with least charge, and

and will not be subject to be deceived by their Work-men, or such as shall be intrusted by them

to mannage or over-see it.

2. It will not be subject to fall into the hands of Executors (which otherwise it will be if it come into private hands, which was the destruction of this work at *Hounslow*;) but by being in the Corporation, it will have a continued subsistance, and

be supported.

It may be observed, that in all Manusactures of this kind, the English have exceeded other Nations: as for instance, in that of the Knise-Blades and Razors which heretosore were brought from beyond Sea; and now there are none made so good in any parts of the world as here; and we are able to furnish all parts: only it may be thus far farther observed, that the want of power to view and approve as aforesaid, hath been, and is, occasion of some of our own Workmen to take the liberty of making deceitful Wares, and by that means do bring some discredit upon our Manusactures, which by the proposals will be prevented.

To the minth, The secret tie and obligation of an Oath, upon those Officers, is the only way to restrain those secret faults which our Laws can-

not take cognisance of.

To the tenth, The making and vending Brass Hilts is not only against the intent of our Laws, but a great injury and discouragement to the Artists of this Mystery, by reason those Wares (which are brittle and unserviceable) are frequently sold instead of the good and serviceable works, and thereby the employment of the Artists

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tists of good works much impaired, and turns our most ingenious Manusacture into a cheat up-

on the Kingdom.

Marks is (in Manual Trades) of the most evil consequence imaginable; for it prevents the discovering the makers of salse, insufficient, and unlawful works; and destroys the security, and prevents the knowledge of good works, thereby discourageth the honest and curious Artists, by salse, ill made, insufficient, and unlawful works passing under his name, and for his making and by such means (in some cases) may bring them in danger of the Filiory; and by several other circumstances of being undone and many more evils do attend this wicked action, therefore cannot be too severely punished.

To conclude, The Trade and Mystery of the Cutlers being of great concern to this Nation, not only for the safety thereof, but for the employment of great number of people, therefore ought to have a sutable esteem and encouragement amongst us. Other Corporations (of less moment are esteemed, and by concurrence of the Members in particular, and the people in general) are so regulated and encouraged, that the Members thereof become wealthy and honorable.

But where be any of the Cytlers Trade that make any confiderable proficiency in their Estates in comparison of other Tradesmen? what is it that makes a Trade sourish, but the profit thereof? What I have proposed and designed, is but for a reasonable advantage; which considered, can any person scruple their assistance for obtaining

for this Corporation an encouraging authority, and to give their Members competent rates for their works.

The Sword is the principal weapon of War, and the Sword in the Kings hand is the emblem of his Authority, Rom. 13. 3. although by other instruments more men are kild, yet all are said to be slain with the Sword.

If those Trades that concern the attiring our bodies, and surniture of our houses, and other materials of delight, have so great incouragement, shall the makers and traders in that eminent Manusacture the Sword, the principal instrument (of War) for keeping all insafety, be slighted, despised, and reduced to a contemptable condition?

Can he be accounted a true English-man, that instead of making or being advantage to his own Nation and Countrymen by buying and using their works, and encouraging the Artists thereof, will undeservedly slight, despise, contemn, and undervalue them and their works, and buy all, or most part of Aliens, both at home and abroad, whose works do not in the least exceed the works of our Natives?

Tis only fancy that makes the difference, but let it not be said of English-men that their fancies are so mis-guided as to esteem Foreign works better than they are, or to think English works to be Forein, when presented to them by Foreiners hands.

But rather have so good opinion of our Natives as to put a true esteem on English works in English hands; especially those of the Cutlers:

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they being no whit (as I said before) inserior to any Cutlers works in the world: and much better would they be if due encouragement were provided. And assuredly if the esteem of those works be according to their goodness and greatness of use, this Mystery and Corporation cannot want (if endeavoured for) any Authority that may be truly called necessary.

Then will the Members of this Mystery and Corporation study, and spend their time in contriving and making curious and serviceable works, and find out ways to employ many that are in want, and idle about, and run into many

evil practises.

Now to you of the Corporation and Mystery, Isay, rouse up your spirits, and give a sutable active pursuit and attendance for attaining these things; you must expect to take pains before prosit comes: and if some rubs and difficulties happen, you may remember, that many do attend the pursuit of the most valuable and prositable archievements: Remember the chief instrument of your Trade, the Sword; it is the instrument of Victory and Conquest: then be your actions in these concerns of like merit, in being victorious conquerors of all difficulties that happen in your pursuit of all lawful and reasonable things that may in probability make your Mystery and Corporation increase in Riches and Honour.

HERE FOLLOWETH A Brief and Easie way BY TADIC

TABLES,

To cast up



To the Standard of XI. Ounces ij. Peny-weight.



To the Standard of XXII. Carracts.

WITH

Questions wrought by the Golden-Rule:
Also by Decimal Tables.

Calculated by JOHN REYNOLDS, Of the Mint in the Tower of London.

Printed Anno Domini, MDCLXXIX.

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Of OZ. Caracts observe.

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Nine	e-penny weight.	At the Ounce.
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5 6 - 7 8 9 - 10	3 8 2 1 1 3 3 7 20 2 6 4 7 13 1 2 16	4 20 15 5 5 16 4 12 6 11 13 19 7 7 2 26 8 2 1 1 3 3
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Ten-penny weight.	At the Ounce.
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Eleven-penny weight.								At	th	e C)ur	icc.
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Twelve-	penny weight and a k	half. At the Ounce
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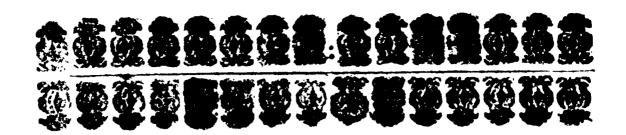
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The Ordinary way.

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Questions wrought by the GOLDEN Ruk.

The Standard of Silver is xj. Ounces; 2. Cenny-weight fine.

A Silver Ingot weighing 401. mt. 6 Ounces, 10. d. mt. better 16. d. meight and a half. What will this amount to in Standard Silver?

The Work.

D.wt. L.wt.Oz.D.wt.Gra.Mit.

222: 7 40. 6. 10.

This __ 36 0z. 3 d.mt. 4 Gra. 4 Mit. ______ Added to 40 l.mt. 6. 10. 00. _____

L.wt. Oz. D. wt. Gra. Mit.

Maketh in Standard Silver, 43.6. 13. 4. 4.



N Ingot of Silver weighing 37 l.ws. 7.0z. 5. d. wt. worse 11. d. weight, and a half. How much of 14 peny-weight better, will make it good to the Standard of -- 11 0z. 2 d. weight.

The Work.

D.wt. L.wt.Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit.

Worse, 11: 237, 7, 5, 00. Better, 14. 230, 10, 13, 9, 8.

This is wrought by the backer Rule.

AN

A Ningot of Silver weighing 40 l.wt. 6.02.

10 d. weight, worse 18 d.wt. 12 Grains,
How much is to be taken off and fined to 14

Peny-weight better, to make good the rest to the
Standard of _____ 11 Oz. 2 d. weight.

The Work.

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Worse, 18: 7 8. Oz. Dwt. Gra. Mit.
Better, 14. 210, 6, 17, 3, 8

Lwt. Oz. Dwt. Gra. Mit.
11. 16. 2 10, 6, 17, 3, 8.
10. 3: 12, 3, 2, 8, 6.

L.wt.
8. Oz. Dwt. Gr. Mit.
12, 3, 2, 8, 6,
20, 3, 2, 8, 6,
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L.wt.

L.mt.Oz. Dmt.Gr. Mit. L.mt.Oz. D.mt.Gr. Mit. 20, 3, 2, 8, 6. Z 12. 3, 2, 8, 6. 40, 6, 10, 0. Z 24, 6, 7, 22. So there is to be fined, 24, 6, 7, 22. And the remain is _____ 16, 0, 2, 2.

The former Question is resolved another way.

The Work.

Ounce, D. wt. D. wt. 10. $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$. 14. 18 and a half.

0z.D.wt. l.wt. Oz. d.wt. Gra.

10. $3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ **Z** 40, 6, 10, 00. 11. 2. **Z** 37, 1, 19, 4.

 $Z_{14}^{3^{2}}$ Z_{16}^{37} , Z_{16}^{19} , Z_{16}^{4} This 16 l.mt. 00z. 2 d.mt. 2 Gra. to remain.

Oz. D.wt. 1. wt.Oz.d.wt.Gra.

II. 16. Z4c, 6, 10, 0.
II, 2, 43, 0, 3, 14 gr. and a half.

Lwt.Oz.Dwt.Gra.

32, and a half, Z 43, 0, 3, 14.
18, and a half, 24, 6, 7, 22.

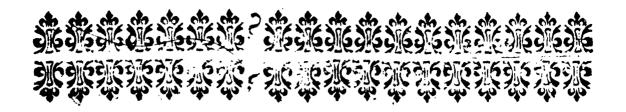
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AN Addition for Silver after the rate of xi Ounces, ij. Pennymeight fine, for the ordinary Rating.

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The Ordinary rating of Silver to the Standard.

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Example.

Oz. D. wt. Gr. Mit. He betterness of Num. 1. 33, 8, 22, 10. And the better of Num. 4. 19, 4, 4, 60. The whole betterness-52, 13, 2, 10. Uz.D.wi. The worsness of Num.2.—21, 12, And the worf. of Num. 3. —27, 11, 21. The whole worsness, _____ 49, 4, 7, 15. The Worlness taken 7 Oz. from the betterness, rests 2 3, 13, 18, 15. clear betterness, — 3 To which clear betterness is to be put an Addition,— And the gross weight, 153 L.m. 10, Oz. 5, d. mt. With the allay, makes \\ in Standard, _____ \} 154 \| \dagger 2, 4, 18, d. 6.



Note.

As so many Penny-weight is at the Pound-weight; So many two Grains at the Ounce.

AS if the Assay be better Imo-penny weight, the Ounce is —— 4 Grains.

If Two-penny weight and a half, the Oz. is — 5 Grains.

If Ten-penny weight, the Ounce is 20 Grains.

If Thirteen-penny weight and a half, the Ounce is —— 27 Grains.



Here followeth a T A B L E to this purpole, to find what the Ounces should be of Betterness or Worseness.

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A N Ingot of Silver, — 40 Pound weight.

The Standard, — 42 L.mt. - 1 Ounce.

18 D.mt. — 22 Grains.

What is the Assay?

The Work.

L.wt.Oz.D.w.Gra. | 1 wt.Oz.d.wt.Gr. d.wt. 42. I, 18, 22. 42, I, 18, 22 222. 40. 2, 1, 18, 22. 12.

The Work.

D.mt. L. mt.Oz.D.mt.Gr1.
234. Z 42, I, 18, 22.
222. Z 40, l. meight.

The Ingot better — 12 Penny-weight.
The gross weight 40 Pound weight.
What is the Standard?

The Work.

D.mt. L.mt. Oz. D.mt. Gra.
222. 40.
12. 1, 18, 22.

This ____ 2. l.wt. I Oz. 18 d.wt. 22 Gra.

Added to the ___ 40 l. weight.

Makes 42. l.wt. I, Oz. 18. d.wt. 22. Gra:

(Standard.

L. mt.
Pot of Silver Ingots -- 500? -- 504, l.mt.
Allay, ----45

If the — 4, Pound weight of Allay were left out, what should be the pot assay.

The Work.

L.mt. D.mt.
500 Z 222.
504 Z 223. 18, Gra. 12, Mit. $\frac{16}{13}$.

The pot Assay should 2 d.mt. Gra. Mit. be better ————— 1. 18. 12. $\frac{12}{25}$.

A Pot of Silver Ingots — 500 L.mt. The allay rated to — 4 l.mt.

504.

This Pot was molt and cast out, but after-wards upon review, was found to have 2 !.mt. of Allay too much: How much should the Pot assay come short?

The Work.

L.mt.
502 Z222 D,mt.
504 Z221 d.mt. 2 Gra. \frac{6}{7}.

So the Pot assay should be worse, ___ 21 Gr. \frac{1}{2}. wrought by the backer Rule.

500 L.mt. of Silver worse, -- 1 D.mt. 12 Gra. How much Silver of —— 14 d.meight better, makes it Standard.

The Work.

L.wt. D.wt. D.wt. l.wt. Oz. d.wt. Gr. 1. \mathbb{Z}_{500} . \mathbb{Z}_{750} 14. \mathbb{Z}_{500} 1. \mathbb{Z}_{750} 150. \mathbb{Z}_{530} 6, 17, $3\frac{3}{7}$.

How much Silver of —— 13 Peny-weight better, will carry away —— 11. weight 3 Ounces 10 d.mt. of allay.

The Work.

D.mt. L.mt. D.m.Gra. L.mt.Oz. 222 I. 14 d. 1 gr. $\frac{0.8}{37}$ l. 11.3,02.10 d. 22. ... (13 d.wt. 20 gr. $\frac{14}{11}$.

The same Questions may be wrought thus.

L. mtOz. Gr. D. mt. Gr. L. mt. Oz. 1. 222. 13. 286, 18. 286. 18. 22. 0. (13 d. mt. 22, Gr. 28

L.wt. Oz. D.wt. Gra.
So 22. 00. 13. 20, 2\frac{1}{1}. being 13 d.better
And 1. 3. 10. 00. of Allay.

Makes - 23. 4. 3. 20. 14. Standard.

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Here followeth FABLES for the casting up of GOLD, to the Standard of xxij. Carracts.

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Two Grains 1 quarters. At the Ounce.
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Two Grain and a half.	At the Ounce.
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Three Grains and a half.	At the Ounce.
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Two Carracts one Grain and a half. At the Ounce.

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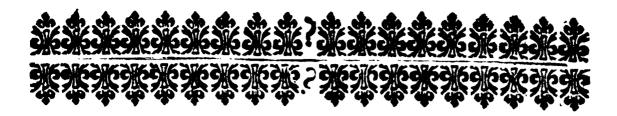
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Four Ingots of GOLD.

Car. Gra. L.wt.Oz.D.wt.Gr. Better. 1, 1, $\frac{1}{2}$. Num. 1, ---- 4, 6, 10, 00. Worsn. 1, 0, $\frac{1}{2}$. Num. 2, --- 3, 7, 5, 00. Worsn. 1, 2, \frac{3}{4}. Num. 3, \(---6\), 9, 10, 00. Better. 1, 1, 0, Num. 4, -___ 8, 11, 00, 00. ---- 23, IO, 5, 00. Oz. D.wt. Gra. Mit. Betterness of Num. 1, —3, 8, 3. Betterness of Num. 4, — 6, 1, 1 Whole betterness, — 9, 9, 17, 3. Oz, D.wt. Gra. Mit. Worseness of Num. 2. — 2. 4, 5, 11. Worsness of Num. 3. — 6, 5, 00, 13. Whole Worsness, — 8, 9, 6, 4, Worsness deducted out l'Oz. Gra. Mites. of the betterness, rests 1.0, 10, 19. So this -____ 1 Oz. 00 D.mt. 11 Grains. Added to 23, 1.mt. 10, ___ 5, ___ 00. l.mt.Oz.d.wt.Gr. Makes the 4 Ingots to be Stan. 23, 11, 5, 11.



Questions wrought by the GOLDEN Rule,

For the Standard of 22 Carracts.

Gold Ingot weighing 81.mt. 60z. 16 d.mt. worse — 1 Carrall, 2 Grains 3 quarters; What will this amount to in Standard Gold?

The Work.

Car. Gra. L.wt. Oz. D. wt. Gra. Mitc. $\frac{22}{1,-2,\frac{1}{4}}$. Z $\frac{-8}{-7}$, 16, 16.

Thus 7 Ounces, 17, d.wt. 16 Grains 18 Mites. Deducted out of --- 8 l.wt. 6 Ounces 16 d.wt. Resteth, - 7 l.wt. 10 Oz. 18 d. wt. 7 Gra. 2 Mites. The Standard required.



A N Ingot of Gold weighing 81.mt. 6 Oz. 16 d.m. worse -- 1 Garract, 2 Gr. 3 quarter. How much of -- 1 Carract, 1 Grain better, will make it good to the Standard of 22 Carracts.

The Work.

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This is wrought by the back Rule.

A Gold Ingot weighing — 8 Pound weight worse, — 2 Car. — 1 Grain.

How much is to be taken thereof and fined to I Car. ___ 3 Grains better to make good the rest to the Standard of ___ 22 Car.

The Work.

Car.Gr. L.wt. Ca.Gr. 1.wt.oz.d.wt.gr. 2, 1. Z 8, 23, 3. Z 10, 3, 8, 14. 19. 3. Z 12, 4, 8, 13.

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The same Question wrought thus.

Ca.Gr. Ca.gr. Ca.gr. Lwt.Oz.D.wt. Gr.

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23, 3 X 2, 1. 22, 0, Z 8, 7, 12, 18.

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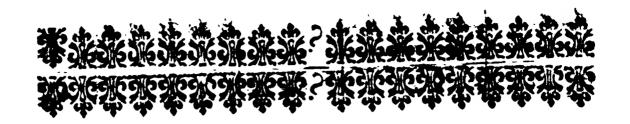
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So by this way there? L.mt. Oz. D.mt. Gra. is to be fined, 5 4, 10, 5, 22.

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Here followeth TABLES for Gold to this purpose, to find what Pound-weight, Ounces and Parts, should be of Betterness or Worseness.

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HE foregoing Tables were composed by fohn Reynolds, Assay-Master of the Mint in the Tower of London, and this Impression is from a Printed Copy corrected by him, with his hand to it to testific the same; and are chiefly calculated for the making Gold or Silver (that is of any Aslay) to the Standard goodness: (that is to say) If it be better than Standard, those Tables do clearly shew how much Aslay must be put in each pound, and ounce, and peny weight, to make it Standard: And if it be worse than Standard, those Tables do clearly shew how much of betterness of Gold or Silver, will make that course Gold or Silver, by the pound, ounce, and peny weight, to be of Standard goodness.

*The Tables for Silver, are to be known by the Titles at the top of each Page, the words are thus, (to wit) Half-peny weight, Peny weight, Peny weight, Peny half-peny weight, and so on to eleven ounces. Which Silver Tables in every page, are divided into four parcels of Columns, (that is to say) The first parcel on the left hand (from the top to bottom) shew the betterness or worseness of pound weights, from 1 pound to 500 pound

weight Troy.

The second parcel of Columns are those on the right hand of that page, on the upper part, and shew the betterness or worseness of ounces, from

1 ounce to 11 ounces Troy.

The third parcel of Columns are those under the last mentioned Columns, and shew the betterness or worseness of peny-weights, from 1 dwt. 6 grs. to 17 dwt. 12 grs. Troy.

The fourth parcel of Columns, are those under the last mentioned Columns, and shew the betterness or worseness of the weight, from 1 dwt. to 4 grs. Troy.

At the head of every Column is its Signiture, (to wit) l.wt. ounce, dwt. grains, mites, parts, according as the Column is to signifie. This being mentioned, a serious and ingenuous perusal

of the Tables, will make it clearly manifest.

Another use of them I will more clearly demonstrate, (that is) to make the weight for the Assay-Standard; and also to make several weights to compute the just value of any sort of Silver by the Aslay: To which purpose it may be observed, that in the foregoing Treatise, the Touch-Stone, &c. in page 30 and 31. is an account

of the materials used for making Aslays, *amongst which there is mention made of those weights, which Standard-weight may be made of different quantities, as to weigh 1 dwt. or 18 grains. or 12 grains, or 6 grains, and

* For the better instructing the ingenious Reader to make Assays of Gold and Silver, and the siveral materials used therein. See the Treatise Intituled the Confileat Chymist, written in French by Christ. Glaser, and Englished by a Fellow of the Royal Society. Printed for John Starkey at the Miter in Fleetstreet near Temple-Bar.

the computing-weights must be answerable to which soever of them you use; all which is clear-

ly comprised in the said Tables.

The usual Standard-weight is made of Brass, and in weight 12 grains; which number you may find in the last parcel of Columns in that page, at the head of which are these words, (to wit) Eighteen peny weight, in which said last parcel in the second Column, the last number (except

four) is that number, 12 grains. The reason for chusing that number in the Column in that page, is this, (to wit) for that there is Eighteen peny weight of Allay, in a pound weight of Standard Silver; and for that reason all sorts of Standard Assay-weights, must be of the numbers in that page, for right against each number, there is their weight of Allay for Standard.

The next, is the weight for the Allay that is in 12 grains of Standard Silver, which you have right against the said 12 grains on the right hand

of it, and is 19 mites, 17 parts.

The next weight, for half-peny weight better or worse, is in the page under that Title, in the last parcel of Columns against 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 16 parts.

The next weight, for a peny weight better or worse, is in the page under that Title, in the last parcel of Columns against the said 12 grains, on

the right hand, and is 1 mite, 3 parts.

The next weight, for a peny half-peny weight better or worle, is in the page under that Title, in the last parcel of Columns against the said 12 grains, on the right hand, and is 1 mite, 23 parts.

And so several weights of the several degrees of betterness or worseness, which by what I have mentioned of the three pages, may be easily made by the rest of the pages, wherein they are set down against the said 12 grains, on the right hand.

Note that 37 parts is accounted a mite, in the Silver Tables, and 22 parts is accounted a mite in

the Gold Tables.

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To make an Assay of Silver, the manner is thus: First, having all the Materials and Instruments mentioned in the Touch-Stone, pag. 30 and 31. (and what other Tools, &c. an ingenuous person will see needfull) good and readily provided, and the Fire kindled, and Furnace hot; then take the weight of the aforesaid Standard-weight of the Silver that you would Assay, (it being clean from all filth) and also part of a clean flatted Lead Bullet, as much as by experience you will see convenient, (for the courier the Silver, the bigger must be the quantity of Lead to Refine it) put that Silver and the Lead on the Cople or Test into the Fire, and it will Refine the Silver to the highest degree of fineness; then take the Cople and Silver out of the Fire, and put the Silver (being knockt clean) into one Pan of the fine Scales, and in the other Pan put the Standardweight; then if the Silver from which it was taken be Sterling, the waste of the Assay will be the weight 19 mites, 17 parts.

If the Silver from which it was taken be a halfpeny weight worse, then the waste of the Assay will be the 19 mites, 17 parts, and also the weight

16 parts.

If the Silver from which it was taken is half-peny weight better, it will not be wasted the 19 mites, 17 parts, by the weight 16 parts. And so proceeding further, as the Silver is

wasted more or less, those weights will discover its betterness or worseness. And observe surther, that the Standard-Assay-weight being in one Pan of the Scale, the weight of the Allay in 12 grains of Standard aforesaid, must be always in the other

other Pan with the Refined Silver, and if that makes the Ballance even; then the Silver from which it was taken is Standard. If the weight for half-peny weight of betterness or worseness, be put into the Pan with the Silver, and it make an even Ballance, then report the Silver worse ob. If that weight be put in the Pan where the Standard-weight is, and it make an even Ballance, then report the Silver better ob. This rule holds good for all the rest; and the Gauging-weights being laid orderly in rows in the glazed Scalecase, with the Nippers they may be readily taken up, and put into either Pan, and out again, as occasion shall be.

What I have here discovered of the Silver Tables, will be sufficient light to understand the Gold Tables, and how to make a Gold Assay: For the Gold Tables in the several pages of betterness or worseness, are known by the Titles at the head of each page, by the words Grains and Carracts, and are increased by quarter-grains each page, from a quarter of a Carract grain, to four Carracts, and are every page divided into four parcels of Columns, and shews what Allay is in every fort of Gold, from one Troy-grain, to 30 l.wt. But to enlarge further, will swell this Book too much; therefore my advice is, that you studiously and frequently peruse the foregoing Treatise and Tables, which with ingenious practice, will make you an Artist herein. And I wish (where there is one now well-skill'd in making Assor Gold and Silver) that there were a hundred; for all Rules and Arts for preventing publick deceit, ought (if possible) to be made so practipracticable, that every capacity may be capable

thereof. To which purpose note further,

That the manner of making the aforesaid Coples or Tests, is thus: Take of Sheeps-bones that are burnt very white, beat and fift them to a fine Powder, which moisten with Water to such a degree, that when well chaffed either between the hands, or with a piece of Board on a Table, that being grasped with the hand it will be clammy, and hold together without wetting or sticking to the hand. Then take a round flat piece of Brass, an inch thick, and three or four inches over, through the middle of which make a taper-round hole, the one end near as wide as a Five shilling piece of Silver, and the other end near as wide as a Half-Crown piece, which hole pollish very smooth; lay this Brass on a level Anvil, the widest end of the hole uppermost, and fill the hole with the said moistned Bone-ashes, and press it hard with your hand: Then with a Drift-pin of Brass inade Globical at the lower end, and a shoulder round it to rest upon the edge of the hole, to keep the said round end from running in too far, which Drift-pin force down (with a Wood Mallet) on the said Bone-ashes in the said hole, and if well done it will unite the Bone-ashes into a Cople, and the top thereof will be hollow like the Vessel called a Skimming-dish; then with your thumb thrust the said Cople whole out of the Brass hole, and set it (with as many of them as you will make) on a Ioose Board on a Shelf, and when thorow dry they will be hard, and when used, either kindle the Fire (or put them into it) by degrees, to prevent their cracking or cleaving.

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The Assay-Furnace is made either with Brick upon a Chimney-hearth, or in an Iron Case (thick and well luted) removable to any place at pleasure, the inside round or square, about 6 or 7 inches over, and about 20 inches high; at the bottom must be an Air-hole 5 or 6 inches wide, and 3 inches high; and about 8 inches high must be an Iron-grate fixed within, and even to it (over the other hole) must be another Air-hole about 3 inches square, (without which must be a space to lay some burning Coals) upon which Grate must be placed a Mussle, which may be made of a large three-square Crucible, with a hole (a quarter of an inch wide) in each side, and one such hole in the small end: or the Muffle may be made of broken Crucibles finely powdered, and tempered with a fifth part of Tobaccopipe-clay, flat at bottom, and circular over, with 3 holes as the other; dry it well in the shade, and then neal it in a gentle Fire: The mouth of which Muffles must be closed with lute to the upper hole, resting upon the Grate as aforesaid, and a space must be by the sides and farther end of the Muffle, sufficient to permit the Fire to be strong on the Grate as above the Muffle, and the Fire of Charcole always gently kindled, will not break the Muffle; and a Fire must be always before the mouth of the Muffle, to make the hear equal on the Cople. The Assay-Scales are made by the Scale-makers in St. Annes-lane, London, and must turn with the weight of the 740th part of a grain Troy.

Note, That when the Silver is Fined to the highest degree, when cold on the Cople it will appear bright, and clear from the least sully or darkish colour, and of the countenance of pure Tin. Here followeth a Catalogue of the Names of the feveral Foreign Gold and Silver Coins, that are brought into this Kingdom as Bullion, with the particular weight of each Coin, (except some sew) and the particular Allay and Value of many of them, according to the aforesaid Standard of 22 Carracts and 11 ounces 2 dwt. accounting the Gold at 41. the ounce, and the Silver at 5 s. the ounce Troy.

These Gold Foreign Coins were Assayed in the Mint, and rated as Bullion, 1663.

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The Allay and Value of these following Gold Coins are not come to hand, but are referred to the ingenious Reader to add.

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Crusadoes with short Cross	2	5
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French Crown	2	5
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Ducket double of Spain	4	12
Ducket single of Rome	2	$6\frac{1}{2}$
Ducket double of Rome	4	13
Ducket of Florence	2	5
Ducket of Valence	2 2	5 6 7
Ducket of Aragon		6
Ducket of Suevia	2	7
Ducket of Turkey		
Ducket of Hamburgh		
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Collen Gilder	1	12
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St. Davids Gilder	2	2
Saxon Gilder	2	2
Philip Gilder	2	2
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These Silver Foreign Coins were Assayed in the Mint, and valued as Bullion, 1653.

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